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APPEAL BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Relations With France Important.

"KEEP YOUR HEADS."

Berlin, Yesterday. General banking business resumes to-morrow, so Dr. Brüning broadcast an appeal to the nation to keep its head and not overweigh the banks. The Chancellor reviewed the events of the past week and declared that Franco-German relations were extremely important, and that the statesmen's conversations would be continued in the frankest manner. He also pointed out that President Hoover's moratorium, if it were adopted, did not mean that easy times were ahead.

Government Interference.

Dr. Brüning, in the course of his broadcast appeal this evening in connection with the resumption of banking business and urging the nation to keep its head, referred to the report that all banks would be placed under Government control. He said that it had been essential for the Government to come to the rescue of big banks and Government couldn't renounce measures in preparation to regulate the entire credit and capital of the system. "This did not mean a blow at the freedom of banks, but that the state had now, on the urgent request of these concerned, assumed an obligation to take preventive measures for the future, which other nations had taken long ago."

Stimson Run to Earth.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Stimson rented a house at Rogart, near Gosport, Sutherland. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will be visiting him on Thursday and will spend a couple of days as his guest.—Reuter.

[A message on Monday stated that Mr. Stimson and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, conversations on international affairs, which had been begun at the Seven-Power Conference, would probably be resumed.

An effort, apparently, was made to conceal the venue of these conversations, for it was vaguely described as "Somewhere in the Highlands," and the British Premier refused to disclose it.]

Renewal of Credit.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Bank of International Settlements has decided that the first meeting of the Committee, set up at the request of the London Seven-Power Conference to inquire into the immediate credit needs of Germany and to study the possibilities of converting a part of the present short-term credits into long-term credits, shall be held next Saturday. Meantime, the Board of the Bank has authorized a renewal for three months of the credit of £20,000,000 accorded to the Reichsbank which was due for repayment on Thursday, such renewal to be effected in agreement with the Central Bank.

Mr. Albert Wiggin, the American member of the Committee set up by the bank, is on his way to Europe aboard the liner Isle de France, and will arrive on Friday.—British Wireless Service.

MASTER OF STEAMER FINED.

Leaving Port Without Clearance Papers.

CAPTAINS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE.

Captain T. Kvanme, master of the s.s. Kronviken, was to-day charged, before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), with leaving port on July 16 or 16 without a clearance from the Harbour Office.

The defendant produced a receipt for light dues and stated he was under the impression that that also covered entry and clearance of the ship. He further argued that the ship's agents were responsible for the clearance of the vessel. His Worship stated that the law was clear, the master of the ship was the person responsible. He fined him £10.

SHARE MARKET STRONGER.

Buyers Predominating This Morning.

HOTELS RISE.

The official summary issued by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning states:—

The Stock market this morning opened with most stocks in demand and buyers predominating.

Banks were done at \$2.075. Insurance shares were in much better demand, Canton finding buyers at \$1.480, and there were small sales of Unions at \$5.70 and \$5.65. China Fires advanced to a buying rate at \$7.50, and Hong Kong Fires were done at \$1.400. China Underwriters were also dealt in at \$5.70.

Steamboats changed hands at \$2.750.

Wharves remained at yesterday's rate—\$1.63 buyers.

Providents (old) were in demand at \$6.10, after sales at \$6.10-\$6.15.

Hotels (old) were dealt in at \$17.15, the quotation for the new shares showing an advance of 20 cents on the previous day's rate of \$16.95.

Lands changed hands at \$91.50, sellers holding out for \$92.

Rentals were done at \$16.40. Evos found buyers at \$14.10, sales at this rate resulting.

Trams remain much the same as yesterday.

There were sales of Ferries at \$83.

China Lights were in request at \$26.10.

There were buyers of China Sugars at 60 cents.

Canton Ice remained at yesterday's quotation—\$6.60 buyers, and Cements (combined) are unchanged at \$19.50.

Ropes showed a slight advance to \$21.85.

Dairy Farms were quoted at \$32.60 buyers.

Watsons were done at \$16.50, sellers asking \$16.75.

Lane, Crawfords (old) were firmer at \$8, buyers prevailing at this rate, the new shares being done at \$7.75.

Constructions were in request at \$12.50.

ALLEGED BANK NOTE SWINDLE.

A Hint of Further Developments.

ACCUSED REMANDED AGAIN.

On the charges (a) that they did conspire, combine, and agree, with another not in custody, to cheat or defraud Wan To-poh of \$7,000, and (b) that they did obtain \$7,000 from Wan To-poh at 6, Cairns Road by means of false pretences, Kong Sze-yik (23) and Leo Artur d'A. Guimaraes (24) made their second appearance before Mr. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, for Guimaraes, said that he had been instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., to ask for dates to be fixed for the hearing after August 15. Mr. d'Almada, he said, would be engaged in the Supreme Court next week.

Inspector K. W. Andrew, for the prosecution, asked for a week's formal remand in order to give the Police more time for investigations, as there was the possibility of further charges being preferred.

The Magistrate granted the remand, both accused being allowed bail as before, that is, in \$5,000 each.

ROBBED IN PEKING ROAD.

Experience of Ship's Steward.

Mr. Takaji, a steward on this Japanese motor vessel Terukuni Maru, has reported to the Police that whilst walking along Peking Road at 12.45 a.m. to-day, carrying his jacket on his arm, a Chinese came up from behind and, having relieved him of a silver wrist watch and some money to the total value of \$52, made good his escape.

DUMPED RIKISHA IN HARBOUR.

Ten Weeks' Hard Labour for Chinese.

SPITEFUL PULLER.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. Williams this morning charged with (a) larceny of a rikisha, and (b) causing damage to the vehicle.

First accused pleaded guilty to both charges. The second, who was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, pleaded not guilty.

Det. Sergt. Fitches said that there was very little evidence against the second man, who was accordingly discharged.

Giving the facts of the case, Sergeant Fitches said that on the day of the typhoon (Saturday) complainant, who is a rikisha farmer, had his rikisha strapped to a post in Pottinger Street for safety. Next morning it was found to be missing. As a result of enquiries, first accused, who had previously pulled the vehicle but had been dismissed five days ago for drinking and gambling, was taken into custody. Out of spite he accused the second accused, who was also arrested.

The Police were taken to Shaui-kiwan where it was found that the rikisha had been dumped in the harbour. The vehicle was later retrieved, but found to be beyond repair. The first accused admitted to the Police that he had dumped the rikisha.

His Worship passed sentence of ten weeks' hard labour.

BOAT MASTER AND FOKIS CHARGED.

Unlawful Possession of Chinese Wine & Tobacco

DETERRENT FINES.

Three Chinese pleaded "Guilty" at the Kowloon Police Court to-day, when charged before Mr. Fraser, with being in unlawful possession of three jars of Chinese wine and 25 packets of Chinese tobacco.

Revenue Officer Humphreys said he hailed defendant's sampa in Capesimun Pass yesterday, and saw one of the men dump some jars of wine overboard. These were not recovered.

The two defendants, who were alleged to be fokis of the boat, were fined \$50 each, or two weeks' imprisonment.

The other defendant, who was master of the boat, was fined \$200 and \$300 on his respective offences, or, in default, two months' imprisonment.

BRITISH PROGRESS IN GLIDING.

New Duration Record Made.

EFFICIENCY OF MACHINES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In flying circles amateurs devoted to the new sport of "Gliding" are already looking forward to the International Gliding Competition to be held under the auspices of the British Gliding Association in the first week of October when an International Commission for motorless flight is in session in London.

It is thought that British entrants will be able to show that remarkable progress has been made in British Gliding since the last International meeting in England in 1922, and enthusiasts point to the new British duration record of six hours set up by Flying Officer Mole last week-end as proof of the high standard reached.

British firms have taken up construction of Gliders and are now producing types of high efficiency.—British Wireless Service.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A bulletin issued to-night states that Mr. Lloyd George is making steady progress. He is free from pain, sleeps well and his general condition is improving.—British Wireless Service.

NATIVE PRETENDER ARRESTED.

S.A. Tribal Affray Over.

ALL QUIET.

Petermaritzburg, Yesterday. The tribal fighting has been ended by the arrest of the Pretender and 200 of his followers.—Reuter.

[A previous message stated, that thousands of natives were engaged in fierce tribal fighting, and that many lives had already been lost. It was, apparently, about a claim to a location, Msinga, a Pretender trying to wrest it from the lawful Regent.

The uncle of the Pretender was appeared to death, and this was the occasion for a fierce assault on the Regent's Kraal.]

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STORMY WEATHER.

High Seas in English Channel.

OIL LINER ASHORE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The end of Bank Holiday week coincided with a severe storm. Thunder broke over London and the South Eastern countries last night, and crowds returning late were drenched by heavy rain. High seas in the Channel and Thames Estuary buffeted pleasure steamers, delaying some for four or five hours. The crossing from France was declared to be the worst this summer.

This storm was followed to-day by a thick fog over the sea in which an oil tanker of 6,000 tons went ashore near Dungeness but was refloated this afternoon. All shipping was slowed down.—British Wireless Service.

THE LINDBERGHES.

On Wing Again.

Ottawa, To-day.

The Lindberghes to-day took off from Baker Lake for Akavik at 6.25 p.m. Eastern standard time.—Reuter.

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:—The typhoon is about 250 miles S.E. of Naha, moving N.E.

A depression is central over S.W. Hainan. Forecast:—E. winds; moderate; generally cloudy; occasional rain.

Rainfall. Rainfall for 24 hours, ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.10 inch. Total since January 1—49.86 inches against an average of 54 inches—deficit 4.14 inches.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	79
Macao	79
Pratas Island	81
Mandai	76
Pochoo	82
Swatow	81
Chefoo	68
Shanghai	70

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Distinguished Indian Poet As Delegate.

MEMBERSHIP NOW 108

London, Yesterday. Among the delegates, from India, when the Round Table Conference resumes its sittings in the Autumn, will be two distinguished Poets—Sir Muhammad Ikbal, who is acknowledged to be the greatest Urdu and Persian poet of the present day; and Mr. Sarojini Naidu, who is a leading figure in the Indian Nationalist movement.

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CATHOLICS SHOT AT PRAYERS.

Ogpu Forces Raid a Chapel.

OUT OF CONTROL.

Warsaw, Yesterday.

Great indignation has been roused by a report from Vilna to the effect that a detachment of the Ogpu recently raided a Catholic Chapel in a Russian village near the frontier, shot seven persons dead and arrested 145 others who were attending service.

It is reported that the local Ogpu chief subsequently stated that he went to investigate a report of a meeting of counter-revolutionaries being held in the chapel, and that on arrival his troops got out of control on being refused admission.—Reuter.

DISASTER NARROWLY AVERTED.

Dutch Air Liner Collides with Signal Post.

YOUTH SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

The Dutch air mail liner, on the London-Amsterdam route, with 18 aboard, was trying to return to Rotterdam aerodrome, owing to engine trouble, when she collided with a signal pole.

The pilot managed, however, to land her safely.

All aboard escaped serious injury, but a boy who was watching the aeroplane's movements was seriously injured.—Reuter.

SMILING LIKE A BOY.

Mr. Edison Goes for Motor Ride.

WALKED UNASSISTED TO CAR.

West Orange, Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Edison is progressing so satisfactorily that he was able to take a motor ride yesterday.

The inventor, who was smiling like a boy let out to play, walked unassisted to the car.—Reuter.

BREEDING OF MOSQUITOES.

Case Against Building Contractor.

CAVITIES IN BAMBOOS.

Pang-Yau-ling, a contractor of 15, Des Voeux Road, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield this morning, at the instance of Sanitary Inspector C. Strange, for having failed to comply with a Magistrate's order issued on July 15 last, to fill in with cement certain cavities in bamboo poles in order to prevent any possible breeding of mosquitoes.

For the defence, Mr. Horace Lo said he had been informed that the open ends of the scaffolding at 15, Peak Road had been closed in so far as such ends could be closed. He added that the order was made on July 15, and it expired the following day, which he submitted, was rather short notice. However, the order had been complied with, the big poles having been filled up, but the slender ones, and those out of reach, could not be easily filled. In building work there was always some delay.

Sanitary Inspector Strange said that the majority of the poles were easily accessible and that larvae had been found in two of the poles. He had visited the premises this morning and found that three poles had been filled with cement and that nearly all the scaffolding was down.

His Worship adjourned the case for a week.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Sad Blow to Cattle Farmers.

The cattle farming industry received a blow in the shape of a ban placed by the Ministry of Agriculture on movements of livestock throughout the country as a precaution against foot and mouth disease. Apparently this disease has become very serious and the ban followed an outbreak in Northern Ireland and in the North of England, fresh cases being reported from different parts of the country. This ban prohibits the movements of cattle, sheep, pigs and goats, except under licence, throughout Great Britain. The order also prohibits all markets, sales of fat stock for immediate slaughter. This may have the effect of prohibiting the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Warwick and, if the ban is in force when the show takes place it will kill the livestock section, which is the backbone of the show. The Sussex County Agricultural Society held their show at Three Bridges but all the classes for cattle, sheep, pigs and goats were excluded. The Centenary Show of the Highland and Agricultural Society was robbed of its most important features. It is especially hard since the entry of 682 cattle was by far the largest in the history of the show and the entry of 684 sheep would have eclipsed the great sheep show at Kelso in 1928. All farmers are being urged, as to the importance of personally inspecting their herds and flocks if possible every day. They are being urged to support the Ministry which is doing everything possible to stop the spread of the disease.—Singapore Free Press.

A LINK WITH OTHER DAYS.

600 Years of History to Go.

"A BAD BREAK."

London, June 13.

In a week's time Miss Edith Dickens will step out of Avenue Farm, Cricklewood, which has been in her family for a hundred years, and unromantic builders will raze it to the ground.

Then London will lose its only remaining farmhouse within five miles of Charing Cross, and more than 600 years of farming history will be swept away.

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Old Farmer Dickens.

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The cows of Avenue Farm gave fine, rich milk, the chickens fine large eggs. Not so long ago they shot rabbits by the hundreds as the reaping machine made its last few circuits.

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The Famous Elms.

"The farm has stood on this site for considerably more than 400 years," said Miss Edith Dickens. "Our elms are shown on an old map of London as a grove in 1747, and under the name of Blackham's Grove, our plantations existed long before that."

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Police had to be called in to quell a mutiny involving 25 Chinese firemen aboard the steamer Pfalz. The First Officer drew his revolver but was knocked down with iron bars.

Seventeen Chinese have been arrested.—Reuter.

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"DISHONOURED."

During Marlene Dietrich's swift, meteoric career as an actress, a little group of friends has gathered silently about her, always appearing with her on stage, or screen. The friends are a half-dozen—funny little dolls, made of cloth, with shoe-button eyes, and arms and legs that dangle and dance and assume most peculiar positions when at rest.

The dolls have been in every motion picture in which Miss Dietrich has appeared. Before that, they were with her in her dressing-room each time she appeared as a concert artist, at the start of her career, or later, as an actress on the Reinhardt stage or in Berlin musical comedies.

During this association, the dolls have travelled with Miss Dietrich over most of Europe, and from Europe to Hollywood. They will continue to travel with her, to join her in every cast that plays in her support, as long as they hold together, says Miss Dietrich. She feels that "terrible things" might befall if they didn't.

In "The Blue Angel," the German-made picture in which, under Josef von Sternberg's direction, she appeared with Emil Jannings, the dolls were in her boudoir, and one of them, having fascinated Jannings, played a particularly humorous bit in the story. In "Morocco," the dolls decorated the piano in Miss Dietrich's living room during the scene in which she and Gary Cooper became acquainted.

Now, in "Dishonoured," the third of her Josef von Sternberg pictures, which is now showing at the King's Theatre, the dolls make a return appearance. In "Dishonoured," Miss Dietrich is co-starred with Victor McLaglen, star of the pictures, "What Price Glory," and "The Cock-Eyed World."

Lew Cody, Gustav von Seyffertitz and Warner Oland head the supporting cast.

"DANCE, FOOLS, DANCE."

One hundred actors and extras who "used to be newspaper men themselves" went back into the old harness for the newspaper scenes in "Dance, Fools, Dance," Joan Crawford's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Newspapers upon which the players had served are scattered all over the United States and foreign countries, many of the men having participated in famous news hunts of the generation. One of the most picturesque of these was Mortimer Snow, veteran screen player, who acted as a telegraph operator. In the old days Snow was a Press "brass pounder," flashing world news over his wires when they were the only links connecting great distances.

Harry Beaumont directed the new Crawford film from the original Chicago gangster story by Aurania Rouverol. Lester Vail plays the romantic lead and the supporting cast includes Cliff Edwards, William Bakewell, William Holden, Clark Gable, Earl Fox, Fummi B. Pratt, Hale Hamilton, Natalie Moorhead, Joan Marsh, and Russell Hopton.

"WHAT MEN WANT."

Warner Fabian, possibly the foremost writer of modern jazz life and the author of "Flaming Youth," has written another of his incomparable comedy-dramas based upon the vivacity and allure of present day life in the fast young society set.

This story was written especially for use on the screen as the Universal special production, "What Men Want," which is showing at the Central Theatre, commencing to-day.

An outstanding cast portrays the story, headed by Pauline Starke, Ben Lyon, Barbara Kent, Robert Ellis and Hallam Cooley. Production is on a most lavish scale, with

many beautiful settings in the country club, the elaborate apartments, and many beautiful sumptuous locales of the enticing plot.

Directed by Ernst Laemmle, the great contrast in the lives of young people of the present day is forcibly dramatized in the conflict of two sisters for the love of the same man. All the froth of the giddy whirl in which they move, the butterfly gaiety of their existence, is portrayed in the veritable paeon of pleasure.

One of the features of the film is the strikingly beautiful photography, both in the lovely interiors and the beautiful exteriors, by Roy Overbaugh. And another outstanding feature is the lavishness of the wardrobe, the gorgeous gowns and negligees worn by Miss Starke in the leading role. She alone wears all together eighteen different classics of the Parisian designer's art.

All the cast are famous names, popular all over the world for their outstanding performances in previous pictures. Miss Starke's "War Point," Ben Lyon's "Hell's Angels," Miss Kent's "Feet First" with Harold Lloyd, Cooley's "Stolen Kisses," Ellis's "Broadway," all have won them the highest praise.

"SCANDAL SHEET."

Lucien Littlefield, who is to the talking films what Chic Sale is to the stage—a comedy character specialist—has an important role in George Bancroft's newest Paramount film-melodrama, "Scandal Sheet," which comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow.

Littlefield plays the part of the night city editor on the tabloid daily over which Bancroft, wielding his terrifying power as the ruthless managing editor. He is seen as a nervous, trembling, scared news-dispatcher whereas Bancroft, his boss, is the epitome of brutality and fearlessness. Bancroft's code is "if it's news it gets printed, no matter whom it may hurt." Littlefield is obliged to further this creed, whether he likes it or not. After a series of thrilling episodes Bancroft falls a victim of his own precepts.

Littlefield's most recent work for Paramount was in Jackie Coogan's "Tom Sawyer," as the birch-wielding school master. John Cromwell, who directed "Tom Sawyer" and several other Paramount successes, was also the director of "Scandal Sheet."

"Scandal Sheet" was written by Vincent Lawrence and Max Marcin, successful New York playwrights.

Others in support of Bancroft in this picture are Olive Brook, Kay Francis, Regis Toomey, and Gilbert Emery.

"THE GREAT MEADOW."

Shots which accompany players either forward or backward in a scene have long been done in pictures. They are considered vitally important units in modern filmmaking technique.

Charles Brabin, however, went one step further with his "perambulator scenes" of "The Great Meadow," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's photoplay of pioneer life in 1775, which is showing to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

An Indian attack on settlers travelling the Daniel Boone trail from Virginia to Kentucky is a feature of "The Great Meadow." The defenders protect themselves behind a barrier made of their packs, as there were no covered wagons at this early period.

To get effective close-ups showing the firing of shots by John Mack Brown, Eleanor Boardman, Gavin Gordon, Lucille La Verne and others around the circle, a circular boardwalk was built for the cameras. "The Great Meadow" is the first picture in which this innovation has been used.

"NOT EXACTLY GENTLEMEN."

In spite of the fact that Victor McLaglen enjoyed the experience of being "famed out" to another company for more than a month, playing the leading male role in "Dishonoured" with Marlene Dietrich, he expressed joy at the fact that he would be idle but one

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-7.25 p.m.—Operatic.
Frederica—Selections (Lehar).
London Theatre Orchestra (DX122).

Samson and Delilah—Fair Spring is Returning (Saint-Saens).
Clara Serena (Contralto) (DX245).

The Barber of Seville—Dawn with Her Rosy Mantle (Rossini).
Heddie Marsh, Tenor (DX18).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.25-8.20 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
Blitter Sweet—Vocal Gems.
Columbia Light Opera Co. (0000).

The Song of the Drum—Selection.
Herman Phick & His Orch. (DX233).

Drury Lane Memories.
(Published by Chappell).
Regal Cinema Orchestra (DX247).

Folly to be Wise—Selection.
Perivall Mackey & His Band (DX210).

White Horse Inn—Vocal Gems.
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX251).

Nippy—Selection.
Debroy Somers Band (DX107).

8.20-8.47 p.m.—Octette.
A Venetian Barcarole (Willoughby).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (DX211).

Traume (Wagner arr. Willoughby).
Albumblatt (Wagner arr. Willoughby).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (DX211).

Memories of Johann Strauss.
(arr. Willoughby).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (DX204).

8.47-9.15 p.m.—Orchestral.
Dance of the Hours (Ponchielli).
Columbia Symphony Orchestra (00200).

Summer Days Suite (Coates).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9369-70).

Wool Nymphs (Coates).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9370).

9.15-10.27 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—
The Songs My Mother Sang
(arr. Grimshaw).
The Kerry Dance (Molloy).
Doris Vane, Soprano (DX157).

Piano Solo—
Impromptu No. 2 in A Flat
(Schubert).
Impromptu in 4 in F Minor
(Schubert).
Ethel Leginska (9478).

The Powder-Monkey (Watson).
The Midship-Mite.
(Weatherly & Adams).
Norman Allin, Bass (DX106).

Violin Solo—
Concerto in G Minor (Hubay).
Efrem Zimbalist (60297).

Chorus—
Studies in Imitation.
Loch Lomond.
(arr. Vaughan Williams).
Barclay's Bank Male Voice Choir (Unaccompanied) (9801).

Cello Solo—
Tarentelle (Popper).
Adagio (Bizzini).
W. H. Squire (L2371).

Song—
She Wandered Down the Mountain
Side (Stephenson & Clay).
Solveig's Song (Dickinson & Grieg).
Dora Labette (Soprano) (9577).

Piano Solo—
Prelude in C Sharp Minor
(Rachmaninoff).
Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff).
William Murdoch (DX244).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

day between pictures, and the day after completing "Dishonoured" he departed for Victorville, California, to start work on his production for Fox Films, "Not Exactly Gentlemen," in which he plays the leading role of "Bull Stanley" with Fay Wray as his leading lady and Benjamin Stoloff directing. It opens at the Central Theatre this week-end.

The production of "Not Exactly Gentlemen" is one of the most pretentious that the he-man of the movies has yet appeared in, and his role of "Bull Stanley," quite the most dramatic and colourful he has yet played.

Lew Cody and Eddie Gribbon to the supporting cast which includes such well known players as Robert Warwick, Franklyn Farnum, Carol Wines, Joyce Compton, Louise Huntington, and James Farley.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Dishonoured." Theatre;
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Dance Fools, Dance." Theatre;
To-day—Central Theatre;
"What Men Want." Theatre;
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"Feet First." Theatre;
To-day—World Theatre;
"Yik Jan Mac." Theatre;
"Redemption." Theatre;

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kidderpore).
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Soudan).

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.
Lammeris' Auction.
Friday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Bill of Fare or Menu?
Caterers' Language Problem.
DRESSING THE SALAD.

Caterers confessed, at the annual dinner of their benevolent association at Holborn Restaurant, that it had been impossible to comply with a suggestion made at last year's gathering that the bill of fare should be entirely in English.

Li-General Sir Travers Clarke, the President, said it would be noticed that the bill of fare, for the first time, or at least for the first time for many years, was in English—to some extent. It was headed "Menu," and he assumed that those who drafted it did not know whether to use "eats" or "bill of fare." The English used was only decided upon after much searching of intellect. He was asked for the English equivalent which would convey to the mind what we meant by potatoes dressed "à la bonne femme." (Laughter.) He did not care to answer, and he saw the difficulty had been overcome by "chip potatoes." (Laughter.)

Then he saw they had got stuck on dressing the salad. The bodice was in the French style, while the skirt was English—"sans-souci salad." (Laughter.)

Lord Greenwood, M.P., proposing the toast of the association, said the organisation had a fine record extending over nearly a century. He recalled that Sir Travers Clarke had control of the transport and feeding of the largest army in the war in the history of the British Empire, and he proved himself to be the greatest caterer since Moses. (Laughter.) He also did what no one else had ever done before—established English breweries in France. (Laughter.) If our Army had been left to French beer he thought we would certainly have lost the war. (Laughter.)

A Tragedy.
Sir Travers Clarke, in replying, said one of the tragedies of the war arose from the Chinese Labour Corp's demand for nut-oil. This oil was kept in jars similar to those used for rum. Once when a body of troops drew their rum ration they drank it off before they discovered that it was nut-oil. (Laughter.)

Sir Gervais Rentoul, K.C., M.P., who was the recipient of a silver salver in appreciation of his services as president last year, proposed the toast of the visitor.

Sir Frank Fox, in his response, suggested that caterers should introduce an all-British bill of fare on the birthday of the Prince of Wales every year. (Cheers.)

Sir Travers Clarke announced that the subscription list amounted to £700, and that Lord Greenwood would succeed him as president.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

TENNIS POPULARITY AT K.F.C.

Excellent Condition of the Ground.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report and balance sheet of the Kowloon Football Club for the year 1930-31 show that satisfactory progress has been made by the Club during that period.

The membership of the Club stands at 451 members; 52 absent members, 45 members joined.

During the football season under review both teams played excellent football; the 1st eleven finishing runners-up in the League and entered the semi-final of the Shield competition, being defeated by the eventual winners.

The second eleven was not so fortunate, but hope that circumstances will be different during the coming season.

The teams at the conclusion of the last season were as follows:—

	Goals	P.	W.	D.	L.	for	Agst.
Senior IX.							
League	20	12	5	3	47	48	
Shield	3	2	0	1	3	5	
Junior XI.							
League	22	6	5	11	22	41	
Shield	2	1	0	1	9	4	

The ground is at present in perfect condition, it has been carefully tended during the year with practically no expense.

The Club House has been re-decorated throughout, and has had two new bays added with folding doors, making it more suitable for social functions, such as whist drives, smoking concerts, etc.

The tennis section has again demonstrated its popularity and as many as 32 players have played in a single day's tournament. The courts have been well maintained during the year and repairs carried out where necessary. Two American tournaments were run during the season and proved to be highly popular.

RECREIO'S NARROW VICTORY.

Fully Extended by the Graduates.

UNIVERSITY WIN.

Playing on their own courts yesterday, the Club de Recreio narrowly defeated the Graduates' Association by five sets to four.

Scores:—
A. V. Remedios and E. A. Noronha (Recreio):—
beat Samy and Gutierrez 6-4
lost to Sopher and Chung 3-5
beat Lee and Yeoh 6-3

A. A. Remedios and H. A. Noronha (Recreio):—
tied with Samy and Gutierrez 6-6
lost to Sopher and Chung 2-6
beat Lee and Yeoh 6-4
L. A. Rocha and G. A. Noronha (Recreio):—
tied with Samy and Gutierrez 6-6
lost to Sopher and Chung 4-6
beat Lee and Yeoh 6-2

University Wins.
Playing on the University ground, the University defeated the South China Athletic Association by 5½ sets to 3½.

Scores:—
P. P. Kho and K. M. Lo (U.):—
beat H. K. Ho and K. F. Lui 6-1
drew with F. N. Wong and F. L. Mok 6-6
beat K. H. Chan and K. M. Chan 7-5
L. Oppenheim and L. A. de Silva (U.):—
lost to Wong and Mok 5-7
lost to Chan and Chan 5-7
A. L. Tsai and P. L. Tan (U.):—
beat Ho and Lui 7-5
lost to Wong and Mok 5-7
beat Chan and Chan 7-5

H.K.C.C. Overwhelmed.
On July 30, the University team engaged the H. K. Cricket Club in a "C" Division contest, on the H.K.C.C. ground, the Varsity winning by 8½ sets to ½ set.

League Table to Date.

	Set.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
C.R.C.	14	13	1	0	108	18	27	
Recreio	13	12	1	0	82	32	25	
S. China	11	5	0	3	62½	30½	18	
University	7	0	2	5	57½	23½	14	
H.K.C.C.	13	6	1	6	57	30	13	
Y.M.C.A.	9	0	0	3	48	38	15	
K.C.C.	10	5	1	4	45	51	11	
Grads.	11	6	0	5	50½	49½	12	
I.R.C.	12	1	0	11	41	57	0	
Army T.C.	11	3	0	7	23	59	0	
Recreio B.C.	11	2	2	7	33	64	0	
K.I.T.C.	12	2	1	9	35	73	5	
C.C.C.	10	2	0	8	24½	61½	4	
Deutscher	9	1	1	7	23	58	3	
C.S.C.C.	11	0	1	10	25	68	1	

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES WIN.

International Tennis Match.

LARGE MARGIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In an International University tennis match at Eastbourne to-day Oxford and Cambridge beat Harvard and Yale by sixteen rubbers to five, the largest margin since the inception of the contest.—British Wireless Service.

KING'S CUP AT COWES.

Sir T. Lipton's Shamrock Wins.

BRITANNIA SCRATCHED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The race for the King's Cup at Cowes to-day was won by Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock in four hours sixteen minutes. It is the first time that Sir Thomas has been able to enter for this Trophy. The King's cutter Britannia was scratched from the race by His Majesty following on the accident yesterday when the second mate was swept over board and drowned.—British Wireless Service.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.
WATER POLO.—To-day—Division 1.—V.R.C. v. Borderers.
Friday—Division 1.—Navy v. Chinese Athletic.
LAWN TENNIS.—To-day—"C" Division—Army T.C. v. University; Mixed Doubles—Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C.; United Services R.C. v. Club de Recreio.
PING PONG.—To-day—Junior League—Hui Kan v. Yee Woo; Entries closed for Championship.
To-morrow—Junior League—Fukien v. Ying Nin, Ming Tak v. Confucian Association.
Confucian—Junior League—Congregational Church v. Chung Nam.
Saturday—Junior League—Chinese Catholic Club v. Eastern.
LAWN BOWLS.—Saturday—1st Division—Taikoo R.C. v. Police R.C.; Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Kowloon B.C. v. Kowloon Ducks R.C.; Club de Recreio v. Civil Service C.C.; 2nd Division—Civil Service C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Yacht Club v. Club de Recreio; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.C.; Hong Kong Electric R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.
Sunday—Inter-Departmental Tournament—P.W.D. v. Small Units, Police green.
WRESTLING.—Sunday—Daulla v. A. D. Spobs, Stadium, 6 p.m.

ABROAD.
CRICKET.—To-day, To-morrow and Friday.
Army v. Public Schools.
Essex v. Middlesex.
Lancashire v. Worcester.
Somerset v. Gloucester.
Gloucestershire v. Surrey.
Northants v. Leicestershire.
Sussex v. Hampshire.
Leicestershire v. Yorkshire.
Kent v. Derbyshire.
Warwick v. New Zealand.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.
Young Amateurs v. Young Professionals.
Surrey v. Middlesex.
Lancashire v. Hampshire.
Somersetshire v. Worcester.
Gloucestershire v. Essex.
Yorkshire v. Northants.
Nottingham v. Derbyshire.
Sussex v. Kent.
Warwick v. Leicestershire.
Gloucester v. New Zealand.
LAWN TENNIS.—Friday and Saturday—Wightman Cup Matches at Forest Hill.
EXHIBITION.—To-day to Friday—Royal Horse Show, Dublin.
FOOTBALL.—Saturday—Scottish League Programme.

LAWN BOWLS.

Dates of Spey Royal Cup Ties.

The dates of two matches in the Spey Royal Cup competition have been officially fixed.
On Sunday next, the Club de Recreio will meet the Hong Kong Electric R.C. and on the following day (Monday) the Civil Service C.C. will play the Kowloon Dock R.C.

Both matches will be played on the K.C.C. green, starting probably about 4 p.m.
Al Brown is a freak, a most formidable freak. In fact, I have come to the conclusion that of all the strange personalities who have passed across the floor of the ring, Al Brown is the most incomprehensible. He is a freak both physical and mental.—H. G. Lewis.

SOUTH CHINA VISIT MEDAN.

Score Three Further Victories.

RECORD TO DATE.

After their short stay in Singapore the South China Touring Team left for Medan and at the latter place they registered three further victories.

On Wednesday, July 29, they met and defeated the Combined Chinese Eleven by seven clear goals, and on Saturday, August 1, they beat an all Medan eleven by two goals to one. Their biggest victory of the tour was registered on Sunday when they beat the East of Sumatra by eleven clear goals.

The record of the team to date is played 23. Won 20 drawn 3, 107 goals for and 22 against.

JOCK CREIGHTON IN THE LIMELIGHT.

Defeats Japanese on Technical K.O.

HIS FOURTH FIGHT.

Jock Creighton, well-known in the local ring, won his fight against Toshiyaki Yamanaka, Japanese welter-weight of repute, on a technical knock in the second round, at the Hibya Civic Hall, Tokyo. This was his fourth fight in Japan and greatly enhanced his popularity.

Yamanaka was hopelessly outclassed by the Scotsman and the referee did the right thing in stopping the slaughter 55 seconds after the second round commenced. The local fighter was strongly favoured to win for he returned to his home country with a fine reputation.

Creighton was accorded his usual welcome when he stepped into the ring. The Japanese did not live up to his reputation; his footwork and wild swinging punches proved him to be nothing short of a mere novice and, consequently, easy meat for the Briton. Jock ran circles around him and hardly received a punch in exchange for the hammering he treated the Japanese.

Yamanaka opened up the battle. Immediately the gong went, he rushed across the ring and let loose with two wild swings in the direction of Creighton's head. Both went wide. Jock retaliated, hitting Yamanaka on the jaw with a left and right hook, the Japanese went down for a short count.

Yamanaka forgot everything he knew about the art of defending himself and as a result was converted into an animated punch bag. He went down several times. Every now and again he tried his luck with vigorous wild open attacks. The end of the round found him in a groggy state with Creighton ready to deliver the knock out.

Creighton was out to finish his man immediately the second round opened. Rushing from his corner he promptly floored Yamanaka with two terrific wallops in the stomach. The Japanese went down hurt but managed to get up after a count of five. He went down again almost immediately and it was at this stage that the referee intervened.

A crowd of over 4,000 were present and only stopped cheering Creighton when Yamanaka was able to understand their boos and jeers.

GOLF.

The Electric Competition which was held at Happy Valley during the month of July resulted in J. E. Richardson 31-4=27 gaining an easy victory.

Other scores returned were:—C. H. Burton 35-4.5=39.5; R. M. Wood 36-5.38=30.68.

To my mind, the art of holding the ball is one of the fundamentals of football, and upon a proper appreciation of its value depends the success or failure of a side. I will go further and say that every team right throughout the game's history which has ever achieved anything worth mentioning has done so because it contained players who had the ability to hold the ball.—Andy Wilson.

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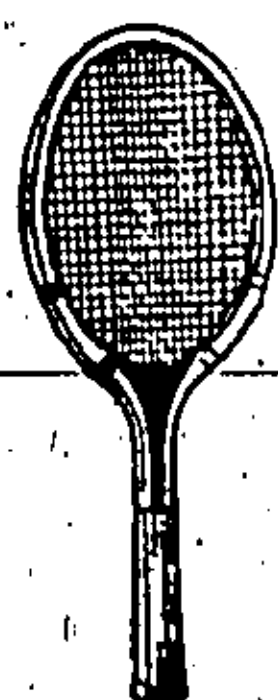
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NEW ENTRIES FOR THE LEAGUE.

Eastern Desire Senior Status.

TSING TUNG CLUB.

Entries for competition in the Hong Kong Football League for the 1931-32 season, closed on Saturday, when Mr. W. E. Hollands, the Hon. Secretary reported the usual list of entrants.

The Royal Artillery will not compete in the Division I. this Winter, but Eastern have applied for admission into this section, while an entry for Division II. has been received from the Tsing Tung Club which is new to the League. It is also possible that one of the battery teams will figure in the competition.

Otherwise, the entries are as in the past, and a meeting will probably be held this week to consider the applications and make the draw.

NEW TERROR FOR SKY WARFARE.

Discovery Which Will Stop Engines.

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS.

German chemists have made a sensational new war gas discovery. It is a gas which, it is claimed, can bring down aeroplanes by stopping their motors if their engines suck in the smallest portion.

The invention sounds as fantastic as the much-talked-of "death ray," and were it not that the claim comes from distinguished experts it would probably be dismissed as a dream.

Its discoverer is the German scientist Professor Karl Hoffmann, head of the chemical department of the Berlin Institute of Technology.

Chemical experts at the institute maintain that the mysterious chemical may be the most sensational discovery of recent times, with the possibility of having a far-reaching effect on modern warfare.

"We have been working for many years on this problem, and have just completed the first successful trials," said Professor Hoffmann.

Explosions Impossible.
The problem which the new gas has solved is the interception of the explosive reaction created immediately after combustion sets in. Not only can explosions be made impossible by this chemical, but their speed can be slowed down to a mere puff.

Professor Hoffmann declined to reveal the exact character of the gas, but stated that its chief operative constituent was ethylated iodine.

By putting up a wall of this gas, it is believed it will be possible to hold off an enemy air fleet.

"The moment a minute particle of this gas enters an engine it is brought to a standstill, and the aeroplane is forced to descend," he said. "Our trials have proved that by mixing this gas with another light gas such as hydrogen the erection of such a barrier wall is possible."

The fact that Germany is forbidden to have military aeroplanes under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles has resulted in German scientists engaging in tremendous research and experimenting to discover a means of adequately defending the Reich from aerial weapons which other European countries possess.

Mr. J. Gordon Miller, chairman, Caroni Sugar Estates (Trinidad), Ltd., but for the initiation of the Chadbourne agreement, limiting production and export over the next five years, the price of sugar would, assuredly, have descended further towards vanishing point.

Lord Aberconway, chairman, John Brown & Co., Ltd., the balance of advantage in the coal situation is undoubtedly on the side of the new statutory conditions, when they become fully operative.

WHITE ROSE CLAIM MAJOR POINTS IN BATTLE OF ROSES

HOLMES AND SUTCLIFFE DEFIANT

GLOUCESTER AND NOTTS HARD ON THE TRAIL
FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIDDIAN GREEN RETURNS TO WORCESTER

London, Yesterday.
The features of the mid-week cricket programme were the dour struggle for runs at Sheffield and the inevitable result; the magnificent first wicket partnership between Holmes and Sutcliffe; the dismissal of Surrey for 82 runs; K. S. Duleepsinhji's eighth county championship century; Fiddian Green's return to the Worcestershire side with a century.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

Notts beat Surrey by nine wickets at the Oval.

Scores:—
Surrey: 362 and 82 (Voce 6 for 43, Larwood 4 for 33).

Notts: 298 and 147 for 1.

Sussex beat Middlesex by nine wickets at Brighton.

Scores:—
Middlesex: 205 and 204 (Langridge, J. 7 for 76).

Sussex: 375 (K. S. Duleepsinhji 103; 36 for one wicket).

Gloucestershire beat Hampshire by 256 runs at Southampton.

Scores:—
Gloucester: 253 (Bailey 5 for 51; 280 for 9 dec. (Dacre 101).

Hampshire: 172 and 105 (Goddard 5 for 58).

Worcestershire beat Essex by nine wickets at Worcester.

Scores:—
Worcester: 389 (C. A. Fiddian Green 108; 61 for one wicket).

Essex: 193 and 256.

Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by nine wickets at Derby.

Scores:—
Derby: 93 (N. E. Partridge 5 for 47) and 191.

Warwick: 160 and 130 for one wicket.

Yorkshire took first innings points from Lancashire at Sheffield.

Scores:—
Yorkshire: 484 for 7 dec. (Sutcliffe 195, Holmes 125).

Lancashire: 221 and 165 for 2.

Northamptonshire took first innings points from Leicestershire at Leicester.

The following were the most noteworthy batting and bowling feats accomplished during the week-end cricket programme:—
Batting.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) .. 195
Derby (Leicester) .. 156
J. E. Mills (N.Z.) .. 137
Holmes (Yorkshire) .. 125
C. A. Fiddian Green (Worcestershire) .. 108
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex) .. 103
Dacre (Gloucester) .. 101
Bowling.
Freeman (Kent) .. 15 for 94
Langridge, J. (Sussex) .. 7 for 76
Voce (Notts) .. 6 for 43
H. G. Vivian (N.Z.) .. 6 for 70
Astill (Leicester) .. 5 for 36
N. E. Partridge (Warwick) .. 5 for 47
Bailey (Hampshire) .. 5 for 51
Andrews (Somerset) .. 5 for 52
Goddard (Gloucester) .. 5 for 58
Larwood (Notts) .. 4 for 33
* wickets taken in both innings.

Scores:—
Leicester: 153 and 307 (Derby 166).

Northants: 296 (Astill 5 for 36) and 108 for 6.

Kent beat Somersetshire by eight wickets at Canterbury.

Somerset: 122 (Freeman 7 for 59) 67 (Freeman 8 for 36).

Kent: 145 (Andrews 5 for 62) 48 for two wickets.

FRIENDLY.

The New Zealanders beat Glamorganshire by nine wickets at Swansea.

FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

		1st Inns.				No.	Poss.
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	Result	Pts.
Yorkshire (3)	21	12	1	4	0	4	315 216
Gloucestershire (2)	21	10	4	5	2	0	315 181
Notts (4)	21	9	2	5	5	0	315 175
Sussex (7)	21	9	5	5	1	1	315 167
Kent (6)	22	9	7	2	3	1	310 158
Lancashire (1)	23	6	4	6	5	2	345 143
Surrey (9)	22	5	3	7	2	2	330 129
Derbyshire (9)	22	5	3	7	2	2	330 129
Warwickshire (15)	23	6	4	7	3	3	345 113
Essex (6)	21	6	11	2	8	1	345 113
Middlesex (16)	22	4	7	9	1	1	330 112
Worcestershire (10)	22	5	8	4	4	1	330 111
Hampshire (18)	22	4	7	4	4	3	330 104
Somersetshire (14)	22	4	10	1	7	0	330 85
Leicestershire (12)	21	2	4	5	9	1	315 85
Glamorganshire (11)	21	3	9	1	4	4	315 78
Northamptonshire (17)	21	2	9	2	8	0	315 64

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring this year is as follows:—15 points for a win; 7½ points for a tie; 5 points for a win on the first innings and 3 points for a loss on first innings; 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a 2nd result.

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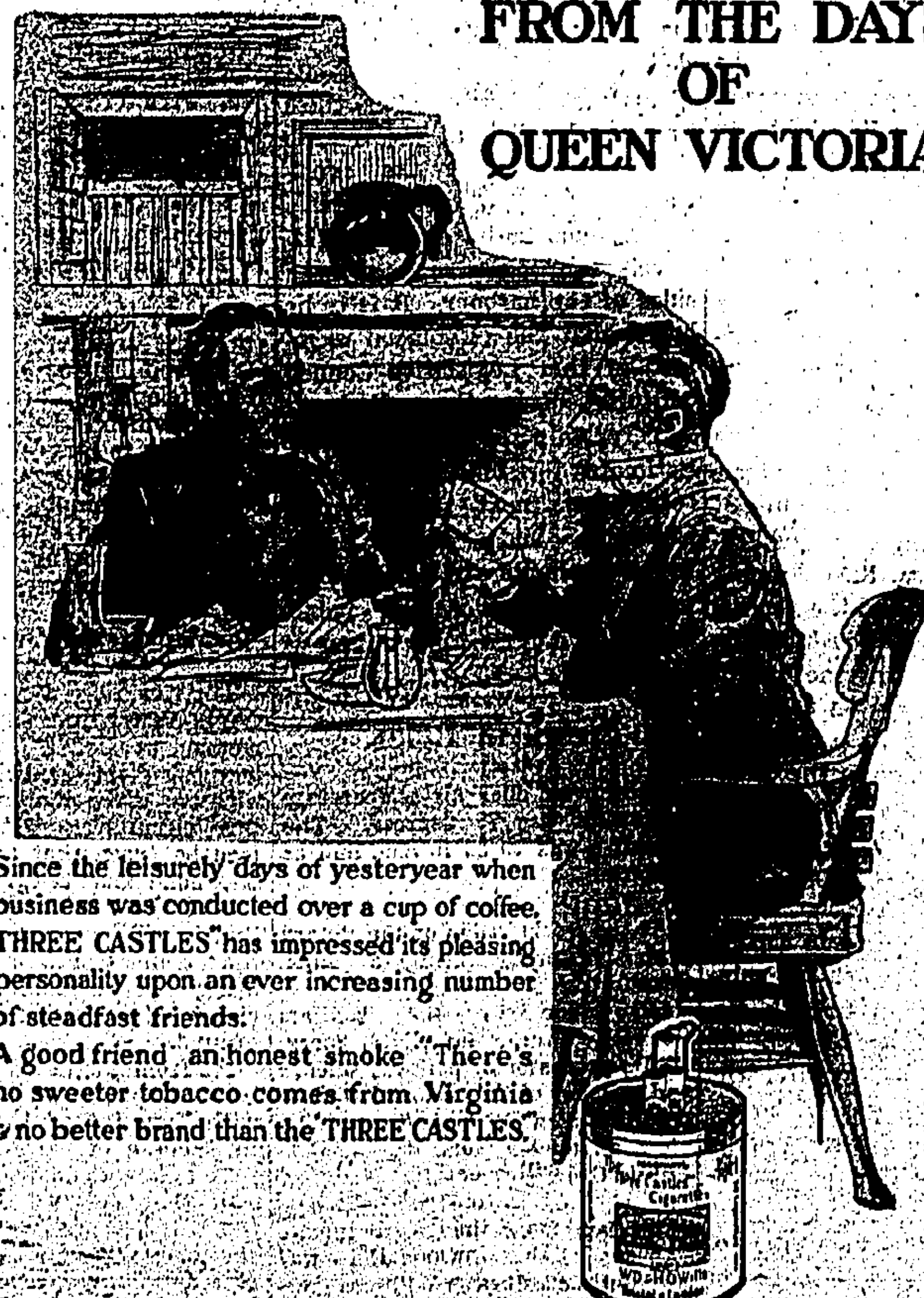
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Verity (Yorkshire v. Glamorgan) 14 for 54	Verity (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 10 for 38
Bowes (Yorks. v. Middlesex) 11 for 125	Bowes (Yorkshire v. Surrey) 10 for 122
Bowes (Yorks. v. Hampshire) 10 for 122	Root (Worcester v. Leicester) 13 for 88
Root (Worcester v. Essex) 10 for 132	Mitchell (Derby v. Sussex) 12 for 30
Wensley (Sussex v. Derby) 12 for 35	Tate (Sussex v. Northants) 12 for 58
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Mid-Levels Affairs.

Only once a year do the Peak Residents' Association and the Mid-Levels Residents' Association come into the limelight—on the occasion of their respective annual meetings. It is, therefore, little cause for wonder that the attendance is only fair, the financial support comparatively poor, and the trifling dues overlooked. We resist the annual temptation to make comparisons with another similar Association which issues a monthly précis of its more important minutes of Committee meetings for publication in the Press, thus keeping both its members and the general community in close touch all the year round. If this method of publicity be disliked on the Mid-Levels and the Peak a modification might be made in the direction of circulating copies of minutes of Committee meetings to their own members. The work of each Association, although strictly limited to certain specified areas, is much too valuable and important to risk dissolution through indifference on the part of all but a handful who are saddled with purely honorary duties in the interests of all the residents within one particular area.

The record of the activities of the Mid-Levels Association, for the betterment of the district in which members have their homes, is a laudable one. Its efforts in impressing on the Government the urgent necessity for adequate transport facilities to the Mid-Levels eventually bore fruit last year when the motor road, which is now very much in

use, was completed. Doubtless the Government will be found equally sympathetic in regard to the suggestions for certain improvements at three sharp bends leading up from Bowen Road. It was suggested at the meeting yesterday that taxis should not be allowed to park on the wrong side of the road at the entrance to the No. 1 N.Y.K. huts. This is a dangerous position, as it is immediately on a blind corner coming down the hill, and several crashes have just been averted recently. It is to be hoped that the authorities will anticipate any representations by the incoming Committee of the Association.

Public (if not Government) sympathy will likewise be extended to the Association in its five-years-old efforts to secure a children's playground. There will be general agreement that this is a very necessary adjunct to the amenities of the neighbourhood. Something must be speedily done to minimise the risk of accidents to children on the motor road. Costly schemes such as vehicular ferries initiated at least a decade before their time could well wait. Preference should be given to the much more urgent matter of children's playgrounds both on the Mid-Levels and elsewhere on both sides of the harbour. It is to be hoped that the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council will press during the preliminary and private discussion of the Estimates for something tangible being done next year even if elaborate and more costly white elephants are slowed down until such time as the public purse is a little fuller than at present.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. The humidity was 79 at 10 a.m. and 82 at 4 p.m.

At the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club, yesterday held in Lane Crawford's Restaurant and presided over by Sir William Hornell, Prof. Russell M. Story, Ph.D., professor of political science and member of the editorial staff of the American Political Science Review, gave an address on "What is Public Opinion?"

William Bourne, a negro inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, was brought before Mr. Williams yesterday afternoon charged by the Crown with the murder of Lam Yuk, a criminal lunatic who, after running amok with a large iron nail on July 1 last, injured four persons at the institution and subsequently died himself. A Coroner's inquest was found that Lam Yuk died from internal injuries sustained by the nail.

During the three days ended on Sunday two cases of typhoid fever and one of diphtheria were notified. All were Chinese.

Mr. Thomas Fox, Editor of the Siam Observer, who was recently in this Colony on a holiday, has had a sharp attack of influenza since returning to Bangkok. He describes Hong Kong as "being nearer to Home than any other part of the East he knows."

At a public auction of Crown land held in the Land Office yesterday, Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 2554 and 2555, situated in Fa Yuen Street, each comprising an area of 10,540 square feet, were sold for \$28,400 each. Mr. Wong Tung 55, Butte Street, was the buyer of the first lot, whilst the other was knocked down to Mr. Lau Yuk-sang 169, Tainan Street.

Charged with the theft of 560 bags of flour from the Po On godown, three Chinese appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court yesterday. The third man was discharged. Further charges of conspiracy to defraud the Po On godown company were brought against the first two. The case was adjourned until Thursday, August 13.

Engaged in a fight with another man in Nathan Road near the junction of Nanjing Street, Yamati, yesterday afternoon, a man, later identified by means of a letter found on him as Wing Fat, a sub-contractor of the Seen Shing contractors, Lau On Fong, Shaukwan, collapsed and died. He was removed to the mortuary. The other man is now in custody, pending enquiries into the case.

A Chinese apprentice of the Taang Fook Piano Company was charged before Mr. Schofield this morning with having unlawfully placed a tin can on the tramway line at Shaukwan Road yesterday evening. Defendant pleaded not guilty and maintained that he had accidentally kicked the tin can, then picked it up and thrown it on the foreshore opposite the company's works. He had witnesses to testify to that, and wished to call them. His Worship granted a remand of 24 hours.

TELEPHONE EXTENSION IN MALAYA.

The first step in linking up Singapore by telephone with the rest of Malaya is notified by the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., says the Singapore Free Press.

As from August 1, 1931, telephone communication will be established by the Posts and Telegraphs Departments, S.S., and F.M.S., between the company's exchanges in Singapore and at Johore Bahru, and various exchanges as far as Kuala Lumpur and district.

Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Kuala Lumpur will be on the phone at the price of \$1.25, from Singapore, and between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. for 65 cents. These and other charges, the Free Press was given to understand recently, compare very favourably with trunk charges in Britain and elsewhere and are in fact considerably cheaper than most. The length of the call is 3 minutes.

Though the special trunk board in their offices in Singapore has been provided by the O. T. and E. Co., Ltd., the carrier telephone and telegraph system which is being introduced eventually to connect up the zone centres of Malaya, which are Singapore, Tampin, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, and Bukit Mertajam (Penang), is being installed by Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd.

Carrier System Over Existing Lines.

The carrier system supplements rather than supersedes the means previously existing for increasing the facilities available with any given equipment of physical circuits and it will therefore be seen that the existing telephone and telegraph circuits are to be used. It is thought that it will be many years before the trunk traffic is sufficiently heavy to necessitate the provision of special cables underground.

As from August 1, the existing trunk line connecting Singapore with Tampin and the trunk line in course of introduction between Tampin and Bukit Mertajam (Penang) will be used for the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur carrier system. This will provide for one physical circuit between Singapore and Tampin and three carrier circuits between Singapore and the Federal Capital. By means of this three channel carrier system it will be possible to carry out three conversations and four telegraphic communications between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, or any two stations and four telegraphic communications between Singapore and Bukit Mertajam, or any two stations.

PRESERVATION OF FOOD.

Sanitary Board Appoint Sub-Committee.

200 APPLICATIONS.

Minutes relating to by-laws governing food-preserving establishments and departmental lime-washing were discussed at yesterday afternoon's fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board. With regard to the first minute, the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) said that applications for food-preserving establishments usually came before the full Board, but as there were 200 applications at one time it was a very difficult task, and therefore it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to deal with the matter.

The committee is to consist of two elected members, Mr. M. K. Lo and Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, and one of the Chinese representatives on the Board. The matter will be brought forward for further discussion at a later meeting and in the meantime the authorities concerned will have to go fully into it. With regard to departmental lime-washing, Mr. Sayer said that the charge per floor had been fixed at \$3.60, and the authorities had approved of it.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

Murder by an Unknown Person.

The third hearing of the bomb affair at the Peking Hotel on April 29, resulting in the death of Lui Wan-sang, a foki, was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Fraser sitting as Coroner, when the following verdict was returned:

(1) Lui Wan-sang met his death by a fragment of a bomb thrown into the vestibule of the hotel from the street entrance.

(2) The bomb was thrown with intent that it should explode there.

(3) The bomb was thrown by a person unknown.

The jury also returned the verdict of murder by a person or persons unknown.

The Coroner concurred, and said that according to the evidence, that was the only possible verdict.

NAVAL VISIT OVER.

Dorsetshire and Norfolk Leave Kiel.

Kiel, July 11.

The British cruisers Dorsetshire and Norfolk left this morning for home by way of the Kiel Canal, after a highly successful visit lasting a week, during which the officers and crew were everywhere received with the greatest cordiality. While the cruisers were steaming past the German warships to the strains of the British and German national anthems, Admiral Oldcock, Commander-in-Chief of the German Fleet, and Admiral Hansen, commanding Kiel Naval Station, exchanged hearty greetings by signal with Admiral Astley-Rushton.

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X-RAY APPARATUS FOR THE POOR.

Demonstration at Singapore.

MILLIONAIRE'S GIFT.

The successful installation of an X-ray apparatus at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore, made possible by the great generosity of Mr. Chee Swee-cheng, J.P., the Malacca banker and rubber-planting millionaire, was signalled by a demonstration before the donor recently.

This significant occasion was marked by the greatest simplicity. Besides Mr. Chee Swee-cheng, Dr. J. S. Webster (Government Radiologist) and Dr. B. J. Ess, (assistant radiologist), Dr. D. N. McSwan, (Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital) and Mr. C. C. Brown, (Under-Secretary) there were present only about a dozen well-known Chinese business men and their friends.

Passing into the room in which the apparatus was installed, Dr. Webster explained to his small audience, while they were getting used to the half-light, the purpose of the occasion.

It was (he said) to thank the donor for his most handsome generosity which had made the installation possible. Speaking as a radiologist he would like to say he admired the donor's public spirit very much. It was a great example to others. Mr. Chee Swee-cheng had shown a wonderful appreciation of the fact, which was getting more and more evident, that no modern hospital with any pretension was complete without an X-ray apparatus and for the purpose of teaching students it was indispensable.

Another for Malacca. That apparatus was not the full extent of Mr. Chee Swee-cheng's generosity. He had also provided one for the new hospital in Malacca and, indirectly, there was an even further result of his action.

The donor (explained Dr. Webster) had been very anxious to present a treatment set. The one installed was a diagnostic set which usually worked up to 100,000 volts. For the treatment of cancer a set with a voltage of at least 200,000 volts was necessary and for deep-seated cancer, 230,000 volts. This kind of set Mr. Chee Swee-cheng had been anxious to present.

However, Dr. Hoops and Dr. Pathy had managed to persuade the donor to change his mind as the set installed was sufficient for their needs at the moment, but as an indirect result of Mr. Chee Swee-cheng's desire, Government had promised to instal such a treatment set, for which provision for \$18,000 had been made in this year's estimates. (Applause.)

Because they were working in a very damp atmosphere (Dr. Webster explained before demonstrating the apparatus) they had been spending some time on the construction by the drying room and it was hoped that by the end of the year the room would be complete in this respect.

The Donor's Inspiration. The apparatus, which was built by Newton and Wright, Ltd., of London at a cost of over \$2,000, and is of the latest design, provides for the examination of limbs, etc., lying down, and the chest and stomach, standing up, and those present were given the opportunity of seeing under X-ray the internal organs of the chest and stomach and the bones of the hand, of two patients.

Chatting to a representative of the Free Press during the interval for tea which followed, the donor, who saw his first X-ray apparatus in Madras in 1916, said the idea of presenting an apparatus for the benefit of the sick poor of Singapore came into his mind when he was given the opportunity of realising fully its value at the offices of a Harley Street specialist where he saw how sufferers could be cured in some cases within half an hour of examination.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 5, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/9.

The body of little Harry Bolderson has been recovered from the harbour.

A reader writes to correct our report of yesterday in which we said several persons dived from the launch to save the lad. It is now said that nobody entered the water, although there were several good swimmers present.

He writes things about one European swimmer, said to have refused to do anything which was quite inadmissible.

"RIDING THE BALL" BY SKY BOYS**Men Who Cannot Afford to Fall.****BUILDING IN CLOUDS.**

Like little spiders they toiled, spinning a fabric of steel against the sky, says the Literary Digest in a summarised story of sky-scrapers.

Crawling, climbing, swinging, swooping— weaving a web that was to stretch farther heavenward than the ancient Tower of Babel, or than all the older towers of the modern Babel, as Manhattan has sometimes been tagged.

All weathers alike, close on a quarter of a mile skyward in a year—a floor a day coming up the straight, and that takes some spinning.

Up to where "Bryant Park is a pancake," as "The New Yorker" puts it, "and the Statue of Liberty something to throw at a cat."

And with them rose a cameraman, always on the job—Lewis W. Hine, the pictorial historian of the building.

He, too, learned to be a spider, a watchful one, smuggling his camera to all kinds of dizzy perches. And thus he built up a unique album of the human side of tower construction. The New York Evening Post calls it "a saga of the men who, outlined against the sky on dizzy heights, fuse the iron of their nerves with the steel of the girders they build into modern cities," and continues:

What Carl Sandburg has done for the Age of Steel in his poetry, Lewis W. Hine has tried to do pictorially.

Defy Death.

He has focused his camera on the "sky boys" who "ride the ball" to the ninetieth floor or higher and defy death to the steatoc chattering of a pneumatic riveting-hammer.

From every height Mr. Hine has snapped these adventurous youths.

He has caught them gliding confidently across narrow girders with only the wind at their backs for support, where a slip means a horrible death.

He has pictured them swinging on slender wires over streets a hundred storeys below.

These pictures make it easy to understand the speed and skill with which modern sky-scrapers are erected.

For the men who appear tiny as flies to the spectators in the streets beneath are shown here as muscular, clear-eyed, poised, and self-confident creatures whom Lysippus or Phidias would have delighted to model in imperishable marble.

Mr. Hine, who has developed for himself the profession of sociological photographer by using his camera to record social progress, was commissioned by the builders of the Empire State Building to picture each step in the erection of that tallest sky-scraper.

White Hot Rivets in the Clouds. The result, we learn, is a mass of photography, all of which will be preserved in the building as a memorial to the men who swung the huge girders into place and fastened them with white-hot rivets. In particular, The Evening Post speaks of one of the photographs thus:

One of the pictures which has attracted attention is of a workman swinging out from the building at a terrifying height, to which Mr. Hine has given the poetic title of "Icarus." The name was suggested by the fact that the figure expresses the sense of flight.

In photographing workers on the mooring-mast, Hine was

swung out over Fifth Avenue in a specially-adapted basket.

"Growing up with a building this way is like the account of the strong boy (was it Hercules?) who began lifting a calf each day so that when they had both reached maturity he could shoulder the bull," said the photographer to a Survey Graphic writer, who continues:

Five Deaths in 5,000.

Hine is full of interesting information that he has picked up on his way up, such as that the girders were in place on the building in New York eight hours from the time they were finished in Pittsburgh; that with an average of five thousand men employed on the building as it rose to its 102 storeys, only five men were killed, an unusually low number. But he is most of all interested in the actual human beings he is photographing; he calls these workmen "the spirit of the sky-scraper."

He is full of admiration for the nonchalant way in which they defy the law of gravitation. "These experiences," he says, "have given me a new zest of high adventure, and, perhaps, a different note in my pictorial interpretation of industry."

And now that the great silver-trimmed shaft is cleared of debris and full of inquisitive humanity, what is the attitude of the men who did the job? A seemingly semi-inspired interpretation of their point of view is offered by Earl Sparling in the New York World-Telegram.

He couches his story in terms of an imaginary monologue from one skyboy to another, in the mood of emptiness and depression that comes when the big job is done, and life holds nothing but a vague thought of the next tower to be built.

Reminiscences.

Even the weather is all wrong. It seems to this "morning after" pessimist that fog and rains will always conspire to shroud the noblest trophy of sky-boy toil. And so—

Up here, 102 storeys high, a quarter of a mile above the sidewalk, you really can't see very much.

That, Joe, is the joke of it.

Remember, we talked about that months ago, when you and the rest of the gang were topping out on the eighty-sixth floor.

You said, "We'll build them higher than this some day." And you added, "But what's the use? When you get up this high, all you get is rain and fog."

It seems a long time now, that day when the forge fire glowed right in the middle of the eighty-sixth floor and the tower was still just a mass of steel girding against a rainy sky. It's different now.

Everything is warm and cosy up here now. Men in spats are standing in line, at \$1 per, to look out over the bulwarks, and young mothers are bringing their children up, and over on one of the soft bamboo settees two young tourist newly-weds are making love shamelessly.

Seeing those mothers with their children reminded me of something, Joe. You didn't say much that day, but I sort of got the idea. It wasn't what you said, but the way old Freddy hunched over the wheelbarrow fire when I mentioned the lives lost.

I got to thinking to-day and I tried to pick out the shaft that carpenter went down. I couldn't find it.

MID-LEVELS AFFAIR'S DISCUSSED.**Extensions to Motor Road Wanted.****CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.**

The Mid-Levels Residents' Association held its annual general meeting in the Board room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., yesterday afternoon, there being a fair attendance.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman, Mr. A. L. Shields, said in part:—

Our first business is to adopt the Report and Accounts for the past year. These have been printed and circulated, as usual, to all members and residents of the Mid-Levels so far as we know, therefore everyone interested has been informed of the activities of the Association for the betterment of the district in which we have our homes. Following our usual custom, I will touch on some of the matters which have engaged the attention of your Committee met.

Our efforts in impressing upon Government the urgent necessity for adequate transport facilities to the Mid-Levels eventually bore fruit last year when the motor road was completed, and, as we all know, it is very much in use. It has been suggested that certain improvements might, with advantage, be carried out on some of the bends leading up from Bowen Road, but before approaching the P.W.D. we have thought it a good opportunity to ascertain your views at this meeting, when it is thrown open for discussion.

When the plans for the motor road were originally drawn up by Government, they provided for facilities from Magazine Gap and through Queen's Gardens, and it is hoped these extensions will be put in hand as soon as funds are available.

Bus Services.

As mentioned in the circulated report, the Inspector General of Police turned down the Hong Kong Tramway Company's application for consideration of a bus service to May Road, the reply being that Government did not see its way to permitting such a service at the present time—this was on November 24 last. Nothing has happened since and I think the Association might approach the Authorities and ask them to reconsider their decision.

Children's Playground.

The next matter I would like to say a few words about is the need for a Children's Playground. This has been emphasised for the past five years, but we do not appear to get any further. We have had great hopes on each occasion that the vote was included in the draft Estimates, but ultimately we have always been told that, owing to more pressing wants, this very necessary adjunct to the amenities of the neighbourhood has had to be shelved until the next year. If the need were apparent five years ago it is doubly so to-day, with motor traffic on the road; consequently I suggest that the incoming Committee give this matter their particular attention as we feel that something must be done, and that quickly—to minimise the risk of accident to children playing on the road by endeavouring to keep them off it. It is hoped that Government will reserve a site before all likely places are taken up for garages, etc.

Unnecessary Noises.

My next remarks concern unnecessary noises in the neighbourhood—I refer to the Police Revolver Range. As the report discloses, we wrote to the Colonial Secretary about the nuisance caused by revolver practice carried on in the building adjacent to the L.R.C. A lack of consideration was shown in choosing the present spot in such close proximity to a residential area, and although the banging has been restricted to certain hours following our representations, even now much irritation is caused when firing takes place between the hours of 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.—at a time when most of us are entitled to a little peace and quiet. He formally proposed the adoption of the report and accounts for 1930.

Mr. Lobel Seconded. Carried.

The following were elected on the Committee:—

Messrs. A. L. Shields, J. H. Backhouse, J. T. Bagram, Chan Lim-pak, L. Dunbar, Henry Humphreys, H. H. H. Priestley, A. Stokink, J. Stuart, T. A. Martin, Mrs. G. Harman, and Miss M. Russell.

Parking of Taxis.

A suggestion was made by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, that the Association should make representation to the Inspector General of Police with regard to the parking of taxis on the wrong side of the road at the entrance to the No. 1 N.Y.K. Hotel. He said that the position was a dangerous one, being liable to cause accidents.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES**Concert and Guessing Contest.****RATEPAYERS' MEETING.****[From Our Own Correspondent.]**

Monday, Aug. 3.
On July 29 a concert was held in the Assembly hall. The Recreation Committee arranged the programme the many items of which were well received.

The programme was as follows:—

Part I.

1. Trick Solo—Mr. M. W. Rankin.
2. Recitation—Billie Kelly, Donald Becking, Dennis Bray, Wallace Desterhaft, Junior Rankin, Harold Saures.
3. Guitar Duet—Mr. Doyle and James Rousseau.
4. Monologue.
5. Guitar Solo—Mr. M. W. Rankin.
6. Reading—Miss White.
7. Trombone Solo—Mr. Rankin.
8. Guitar Duet—Mr. Doyle and Mr. Rankin.
9. Representation of Characters in History and Mythology.

Part II.

1. A monologue—Helmet-Saures.
2. A sketch—Ruth Mitchell, Page Rankin, Doreen Watson.
3. Character Impersonation, Song and Harp Solo—David Ray.
4. Character Impersonation—James Rousseau.
5. Duet and Recitation—David and Dan Ray.
6. Dialogue—Junior Kelly, John Becking.
7. Character Impersonation and Song—Dan Ray.
8. Sketch—Paul Kelly and Elizabeth Rousseau.
9. Character Impersonation and Song—Francis McMillan.
10. Violin Solo—Charles Morrison.
11. Monologue—Doreen Watson, Helgo Franze.
12. Character Impersonation with Chorus—Alvin Mitchell.
13. Sketch—Junior Kelly, Cornelia Leavell and Seven Little Girls; Muriel Becking, Verna McClure, Esther Burt, Jean Shence, Evelyn Rousseau, Sybil Rousseau, Barbara Bray.
14. Chorus by all of cast.
15. Sing.

The guessing-contest was of special interest as the children who took part had been carefully trained and sustained their "characters" very well.

Typhoon Damage.

Apart from considerable damage done to gardens and tree plantations, the only serious loss was the destruction of a small motor yacht owned by Mr. Doyle, the engine of which may be saved but the boat is completely wrecked.

Telephone communication with Hong Kong was interrupted for a short while owing to the typhoon.

Religious.

On Sunday the usual Sunday school was held. There are fewer children on the island than last year, when they numbered over 60.

The Rev. J. A. Kempf opened the adult Bible study of the season, and in the afternoon Rev. J. C. Mitchell conducted the service. The service next Sunday will be conducted by the well-known evangelist, Rev. Leyland Wong. This will form a fitting introduction to the Bible Conference, commencing on the following Monday in connection with which several meetings will be held each day until Friday.

Residents' Association.

The annual meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association was held on Monday morning. A fair attendance of members and house owners was present. The chair was taken by Rev. J. C. Mitchell who was supported by Mr. A. C. Franklin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Rev. A. H. Bray was elected President. Reports of the various Committees were given by Rev. J. A. Kempf (Religious Services Committee), and Mr. Becking (Recreation Committee).

The following officers were elected:—

President—Rev. A. H. Bray, 1st Vice-President—Mr. H. W. Becking, 2nd Vice-President—Rev. A. F. Desterhaft.

A special vote of thanks was offered to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin for their past services, and they were re-elected to the offices of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were nominated and elected on the Religious Services Committee:—

The Rev. J. A. Kempf and Rev. A. F. Desterhaft (re-elected); Mr. Greene, Rev. W. W. Clayton and Rev. Geo. McNeur.

On the Recreation Committee:—Mrs. M. T. Rankin, Mr. Becking, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Doyle and Miss White.

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PROBLEM OF CHINESE IN MEXICO.**Agitation for Expulsion Renewed.****BITTER DISCUSSION.**

Mr. Samuel S. Young, former Chinese Consul-General at New York, who is now the Chinese Minister to Mexico, is finding the "yellow peril" a topic of increasingly bitter political discussion and agitation in that Republic.

Depressed business conditions throughout the country recently have accentuated the difficulties of the problem created by the residence of many thousands of Chinese in Mexico.

Expulsion of the Asiatics for the benefit of Mexican business men, labourers and domestic servants who presumably would fill their places, is being discussed constantly by the Press and the politicians.

Mr. Young, who spent several months in Mexico as Charge d'Affaires last year, is familiar with the situation and, during his brief stay in Mexico, was successful in ameliorating somewhat the condition of his countrymen. Protests against allegedly illegal measures taken by local officials to drive Chinese from their homes and places of business evoked a speedy and highly satisfactory reply from President Ortiz Rubio himself. The President's word, which was addressed to the chairman of a Chinese committee in Mexico City, gave assurance that the rights of foreigners, regardless of nationality, were to be respected scrupulously.

Instructions Violated. It was announced that instructions conveying the sense of the President's message were sent to officials throughout the Republic, but the Chinese Legation in Mexico City has been informed of cases in which the instructions were apparently violated, and the popular demand for expelling the Asiatics or boycotting their business enterprises appears to be gaining ground.

Senor Jose Angel Espinosa, former member of the Sonora legislature, in an interview just published in the most important dailies of Mexico City, has renewed the frequently reiterated charge that many thousands of Chinese are residing illegally in Mexico.

The former deputy declares that careful estimates indicate that the total number of Chinese in the country is approximately 250,000. Of these scarcely one-third are able to prove that they were admitted legally as immigrants while the other two-thirds entered surreptitiously, many with the connivance of Mexican immigration officials who were bribed.

Espinosa urges a speedy check of the credentials of every Chinese in the Republic, with a view to the immediate deportation of all unable to prove the legality of their residence.

Officials at the Chinese Legation at Mexico City said that they have records of only 20,000 Chinese living in Mexico, and that of this number approximately 1,000 reside in Mexico City.

The great majority of the total number reside in the northern States, where they are farmers, shop-keepers, labourers, servants and laundries.

At least 18,000 of the 20,000 Chinese registered at the Legation are men, a fact which has created one of the most serious problems connected with the Chinese population of Mexico. Inter-marriage with Mexican women—especially marriage by common law—is widespread, and has aroused strong opposition even in quarters where the competition of Chinese in business or agriculture has no effect.

Finance Committee—Rev. A. F. Desterhaft, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.

Mr. Franklin presented a balance sheet which, in spite of unusual outlay, was in a satisfactory condition.

A special vote of thanks was passed to Rev. and Mrs. Desterhaft for their generous gift of an organ for use in the Hall, also to Mrs. Franklin for the offer to meet the expenses of a thorough overhaul. The meeting then adjourned and was followed by the meeting of house owners and Mission representatives.

As Mr. Welton was no longer a house owner his name and that of Rev. E. C. Mitchell were withdrawn from the Board of Management. Dr. McClure was elected as the British Representative and Rev. Rousseau as the American.

Among matters discussed were the re-numbering of houses. The M. V. Sincron is being overhauled and a smaller boat Sun U. is on the run.

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AIR MAIL SERVICE.**Aeroplane Catapulted from Ship.**

There is a lot of interest in Western Ocean circles in the various attempts to maintain a really satisfactory air mail service in conjunction with the liners, cutting short the mail time by catapulting an aeroplane with express mail from the ship when they are approaching the United States or Europe.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, which started the idea by fitting a catapult into the Ile de France, is at present held up for the agreement with the French Government, expired at the end of March, and the Treasury is anxious to get very more reasonable terms. Under the old agreement, it was making a payment of 165,000 francs for the privilege of using the catapult, with an additional 10,000 francs for every time the plane was catapulted more than once.

Even at the present level of the franc, this was an expensive service, but, on the other hand, the company has to consider its finances as a whole, and there is no doubt that the placing of the catapult in the middle of the passenger accommodation is no convenience. To begin with it was good publicity, but that side is finished now, and it is purely a matter of finance; whether a satisfactory compromise can be reached remains to be seen.

NEWS IN ADVTS.

H.B.M. river gunboat Teal is for sale. Full particulars will be found on page 8.

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WATER RETURN.

Three Reservoirs Now Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on July 1, 1931, were as under:

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	7' 0" B 30' 2" B	
Tytam Byewash	12' 5" B 20' 5" B	
Tytam Intermediate	4' 5" B 24' 5" B	
Tytam Tuk	20' 8" B 25' 2" B	
Wong Nei Chung	15' 10" B 6' 2" B	
Pokfulum		

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".) Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam	327.30	174.03
Tytam Byewash	7.79	.39
Tytam Intermediate	159.78	195.59
Tytam Tuk	603.75	890.59
Wong Nei Chung	9.40	6.55
Pokfulum	32.32	52.54

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1930	1931
Consumption	341.99	385.45
Estimated population	443,740	411,300
Consumption per head per day	25.7	29.5

* Includes 84.14 million gallons from Mainland.

June, 1930.—Constant supply during the whole month to district North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street. 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) in all other districts from June 1 to 17 inclusive. 16 hours supply (5 a.m.—9 p.m.) in all other districts from June 18 to 30 inclusive.

June, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	278.88	435.50
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	58.61	148.10
Reception Reservoir	25.40	52.53

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

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By Order of the Board,

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Hong Kong, 1st August, 1931.

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TAI MING SUN.	9th TUES.	11th WED.	12th THURS.	13th FRI.
TAI HING TUES.	11th THURS.	13th FRI.	14th SAT.	15th SUN.
TAI MING FRI.	14th SUN.	16th MON.	17th TUES.	18th WED.
TAI HING MON.	17th WED.	19th THURS.	20th FRI.	21st SAT.
TAI MING WED.	19th FRI.	21st SAT.	22nd SUN.	23rd MON.
TAI HING SUN.	23rd MON.	25th WED.	26th THURS.	27th FRI.
TAI MING TUES.	25th THURS.	27th FRI.	28th SAT.	29th SUN.
TAI HING FRI.	28th SUN.	30th MON.	31st TUES.	1st WED.
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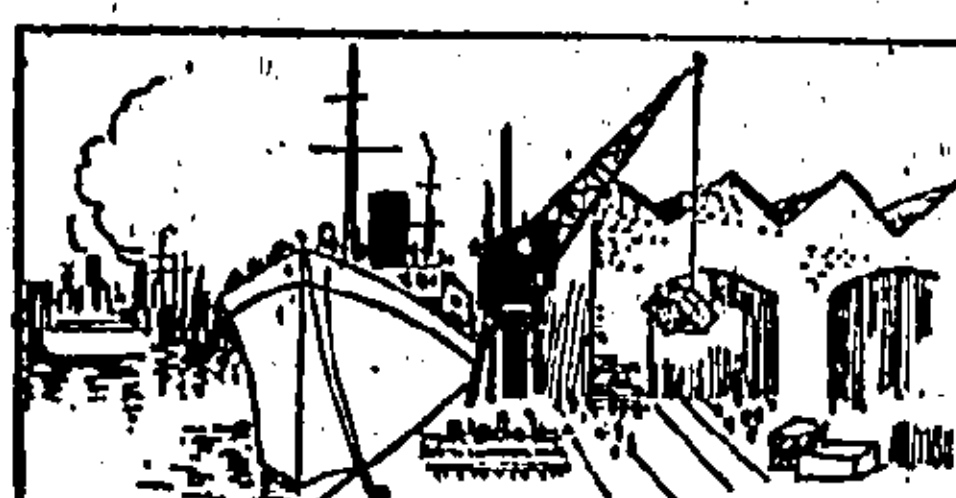
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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Aug. 2	3
West River at Shuihing	9.2	8.8
North River at Samshui	20.6	21.6
East River at Shuihing	3.5	3.5

The highest levels recorded are: Shuihing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shuihing, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shuihing.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, August 3.

Celbes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Capt. K. Taniguchi, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. S. Petrick, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. 61.—J. M. & Co.

Groningen, Dutch str., 762 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Swatow, Taikookui Anchorage.—A.P.C.

Kamo, British str., 725 tons, Capt. L. Heer, from Dairen, buoy No. C2.—Williamson & Co.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from Bangkok, buoy No. B23.—Wallem & Co.

Shelton, American str., 3,770 tons, Captain G. E. Frankard, from Lamit Bay, buoy No. B15.—States S.S. Co.

Van Heutsz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. H. J. C. Blits, from Singapore, buoy N. A9.—J.C.J.L.

Tuesday, August 4.

Andre Lebon, French str., 3,375 tons, Captain Sa Biani, from Yokohama, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Capt. J. Woodgett, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—B. & S.

Canton, French str., 974 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C1.—M.M.

Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A8.—Sing Kee.

Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str., 1,353 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Swatow, Kowloon Wharf.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Minnie Moller, British str., 1,830 tons, Captain Howard, from Newchwang, buoy No. B27.—D.K.K.

Newchwang, British str., 1,482 tons, Capt. J. Atkins, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Rhexenor, British str., 4,995 tons, Capt. C. L. Stout, from Milke, Taikook Dock.—B. & S.

Ryujin Maru, Japanese str., 901 tons, Capt. N. Nitano, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Soochow, British str., 1,554 tons, Capt. R. H. Fairley, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

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Terukuni Maru, Japanese str., 11,980 tons, Capt. S. Oya, from

FLAMING SHIP DRAMA.

The Aloe's Crew's Battle for Life.

Durban, June 5.

A crew's grim and heroic battle for life in mid ocean, with the decks beneath their red hot, was revealed on the arrival here of the Government tramp Aloe, which got on fire and was forced to run for St. Louis, Mauritius, where she was beached. The story was hushed up there, and the burnt-out hulk was temporarily repaired. She sailed from St. Louis and reached here, having nearly perished in a heavy gale.

While on a voyage from Siam to Lawrence Marques, one of her bunkers caught fire. She was then seven days from Mauritius. Attempts to confine the fire failed, and it suddenly blazed up very furiously, and the whole crew were called up for fire duty.

The deck timbers were smouldering, the iron decks were hot, and the vessel was enshrouded in a veil of smoke. The fire reached the cargo and the crew were apparently beaten. Nearly all had been burnt or overcome by fumes, and the lifeboats were prepared in case the attempt to make St. Louis, 180 miles away, failed. The problem then was not to check the fire, but to get sufficient coal for the furnaces. The crew, in relays, worked in the bunkers in spells of four minutes. Many were gassed, but as they recovered they went back to their fight to save the abandonment of the vessel.

Alight From Stem To Stern.

By superhuman efforts, a speed of eleven knots was coaxed out of the blazing vessel. A tug from Mauritius was hurrying out, but the St. Louis light was sighted before it reached the Aloe, which was then alight from stem to stern, part of the bridge and most of the lifeboats being reduced to ashes. As the tug drew up, the fire, which had gutted the captain's cabin, got hold of the wireless cabin and demolished that.

It was immediately decided to sink the vessel in shallow water, and this was done. Her decks were awash and fire tugs and fire-floats poured on water for five days and nights unceasingly. The fire was eventually extinguished.

The ship was listing heavily, all her upper woodwork had been burnt, and her framework was buckled by the heat. A thousand tons of rice were destroyed and her valuable cargo of teak was in ashes.

Temporary repairs being effected, she set out for Durban last week, but met a gale, which she ran for a night, when she was put on her course again. It was noticed that the splits in her fire-weakened hull were growing, but she managed to make Durban, where the provisional estimate of the damage is £100,000.

"The crew throughout acted like British seamen, calmly and efficiently in the face of great danger," an all. The Aloe is now in Graving dock here for survey.

Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

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The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

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Otus—East wall.
Sepoy—North arm.
Serapis—North arm.
Stormcloud—North wall.
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign.
Helena—American gunboat.
Regulus—French sloop.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Tilawa will leave Amoy for this port on August 6 p.m., and is due here on August 7 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Somali left Shanghai for this port on August 4 at 6 p.m., and is due here on August 7 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on August 1, and is due here on August 19. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on August 20.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Shanghai on August 4 (Tues.) at 4 p.m., left Shanghai on August 5 (Wed.) at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on August 7 (Fri.) at 8 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on August 7 (Fri.) at midnight.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

August 5 to 11, 1931.

Date	High Water	Low Water
August	Standard Time	Standard Time
Wed 5	11 51	4 47
Thurs 6	12 38	4 19
Fri 7	1 13	3 49
Sat 8	1 41	3 25
Sun 9	2 03	3 01
Mon 10	2 29	2 40
Tues 11	2 58	2 21

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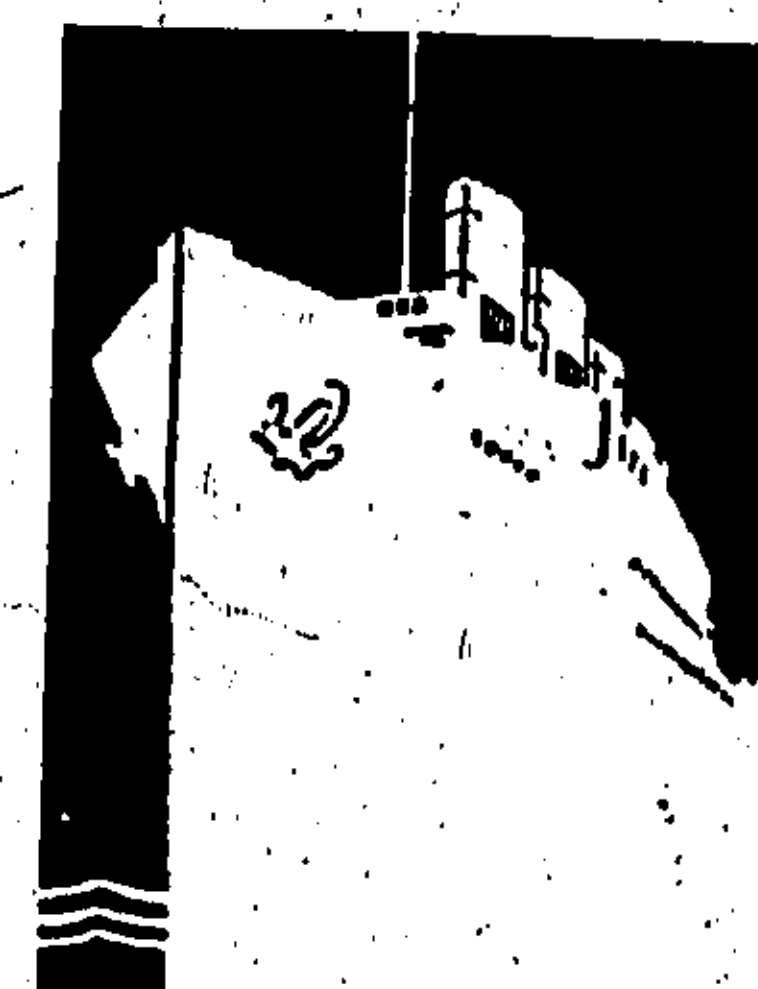
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Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
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MISS HOFFE'S LAWSUIT.

Reference to salaries of stage
"stars" was made in the King's
Bench Division when the Lord
Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) and
a special jury continued the hear-
ing of the case of Miss Barbara
Hoffe, the actress, against Mr.
Gordon Harbord, the theatrical pro-
ducer.Miss Hoffe, who in private life is
Mrs. Barbara Kathleen Florence
Oakshot, of Queen's Elm Square,
Church Street, Chelsea, alleged that
Mr. Harbord had broken a contract
by which he agreed that she should
play the principal role of Manuela
in "The Command to Love" when it
was produced at the Savoy and
Daly's theatres.The defence was a denial of the
contract, and it was further pleaded
that if there was an agreement it
was void in law.

Her \$50 A Week.

Miss Hoffe gave further evi-
dence in support of her case.She said that "The Flying Fool"
was the last play she appeared in
at a West End Theatre before she
played in "The Command to Love"
at the Arts Theatre Club, where it
was produced before going to the
Savoy. Her salary in "The Flying
Fool" was \$25 a week. She was
now playing "The Unforeseen" for
\$50 a week.Miss Hoffe said that some of
those who played parts in the play
at the Arts Theatre Club had other
engagements when the play was
produced at Daly's. She did not
accept the alternative of the part
of Marie Ann because she could not
get a promise that it would not be
altered.Had it remained unaltered it
would have been of the three prin-
cipal roles in the play. At Daly's
Theatre the part was played by
Miss Isobel Elsom, an actress with
a high reputation in the West End,
whose salary, Miss Hoffe agreed in
answer to Mr. O'Sullivan, would be
envious to many people."Reputation Prejudiced."
Sir Gerald du Maurier, the actor
manager, said he thought that Miss
Hoffe had been prejudiced in her
reputation by not getting the part
of Manuela after she had played it
at the Arts Theatre Club, and it had
been announced that she would
again fill it in the West End.Opening the defence, Mr.
O'Sullivan said that Mr. Harbord
himself did not transfer "The Com-
mand to Love" to, or produce it at,
a West End theatre.For some time he resisted offers
for the play because he was anxious
that Miss Hoffe and others of the
cast should continue in the roles
they occupied, but he found that
theatre managers, on whose good
will he relied, began to insist on
changes in the cast.The Offer to Miss Hoffe.
Although he was anxious that
Miss Hoffe should play the part of
Manuela, he was faced with the
situation that others who were
more concerned with the produc-
tion, and to whom he sold his
rights, wanted Miss Yvonne Arnaud
in the principal role. In the hope
of solving the problem, Miss Hoffe
was offered another part.In the circumstances Mr. Harbord
contended that he had done his best
to carry out his agreements, and
when he found he had to choose
between the play not being pro-
duced at all or declining to insist on
Miss Hoffe taking her original part,
he reluctantly chose the latter.Mr. O'Sullivan submitted that
Miss Hoffe acted unreasonably in
refusing the lesser, but still one of
the principal, roles.

"BUTTERFLY" WU.

Marriage Contract.
Annulled.

LONG DRAWN-OUT CASE.

Miss "Butterfly" Wu, China's
leading cinema actress, was allowed
by the Shanghai Special District
Court to annul a marriage contract
which she made with her fiancé,
Mr. Ling Hsueh-li.The actress has been fighting for
four months in the court to secure
a release from an agreement which
she considered would not lead to
a happy marriage. Chinese inter-
est in the case was evidenced by
the crowded court-rooms at each
hearing.In delivering judgment for the
actress, Judge Chau ordered Mr.
Ling to return the \$80 and \$788.20
which he was owing to Miss Wu
when she claimed for damages was
dismissed.An Experiment That
Has Been a Success.

LYCEUM RECORD.

In a six weeks' season 92,834
people have visited the Lyceum
Theatre for the Russian Opera and
Ballet.Total receipts for the season will
be about \$65,000.\$2,100 was taken in one day, a
Lyceum record.These remarkable figures in con-
nection with the experiment of Mr.
Lionel Powell and Sir Thomas
Beecham in presenting this Russian
season of opera ballet were given
me when I talked to a friend closely
connected with the Lyceum, writes
The Stroller in the Evening News
in mail week.The method of presentation, he
said, together with the supreme
artistry of the singers and the
musicians, has been a revelation to
London. He added:"Your opera-goers here were
quick to appreciate the blaze of
colour of the scenery and costumes
at the Lyceum, and the wonderful
movement of the chorus has been
a tremendous factor in the success
of the season."

"Choruses 'Too Static'."

"Choruses here have palled upon
audiences because they have been
too static. Oratorios and choral
singing have done a lot of harm to
our operatic music, and have de-
prived operas of movement in the
chorus."I then learned that more than
100,000 people will have been en-
tertained by this wonderful Rus-
sian company.The orchestra alone has cost
\$1,100 a week. Chaliapine has
drawn a fee of \$600 for each per-
formance he has given. He con-
tracted to do two performances in
each of the six weeks, but actually
he will have done three extra per-
formances, so that he will have
earned \$9,000—and is entitled to
every penny of it.This musical experiment has been
rewarded by a fine finan-
cial harvest. When Chaliapine
doubled for the first time his two
roles of Prince Galitzky and the
Khan Kontchak in "Prince Igor,"
the Russian company broke all its
records by drawing to the box office
no less than \$2,100. This was a
record also for the Lyceum Theatre.It is estimated that the receipts
by the end of the season will be
about \$65,000."CLEAN UP THE
CINEMA."Striking Criticism in
Abbey Sermon."Unless the cinema industry is
cleaned up and raised to a healthy
level, it will have a disastrous
effect, not only on the nation and
the British Empire, but on the
whole of civilisation."This was one of the striking
sentences used by Dr. Percy
Desrmer, the new Canon of West-
minster, preaching at the Abbey.When he read aloud a list of film
titles that contained such phrases
as "Are Scotsmen Tight?" and
The Honeymoon Express, the in-
congruity of his words uttered in
the Abbey startled his listeners.He apologised for reading such
titles "within these noble walls."He spoke of the temptation on
the part of film producers to exploit
the weakest and more vicious ele-
ments in human nature, and dealt
also with dangers run by children."Parents at present are helpless,"
he said. "There should be cinemas
everywhere where parents would be
sure they could let their children go
in safety, and such places could well
provide for adults at the same time.
But the greatest danger is the evil
done to independent young people
from the age of seventeen upwards."The Government has made an
excellent beginning by the child-
ren's cinema at the Imperial In-
stitute, but now that cinema is so
crowded that it is difficult to get
in, a hundred more cinemas like it
are needed all over the country—
and more after that. The munici-
palities also should build cinemas
for adults as well as children."There are men of the highest
intelligence in the cinema business
and very fine artists. Cannot pub-
lic opinion help these men to drive
out the bad by substituting the
better?Fighting the Slump by
Percentages.

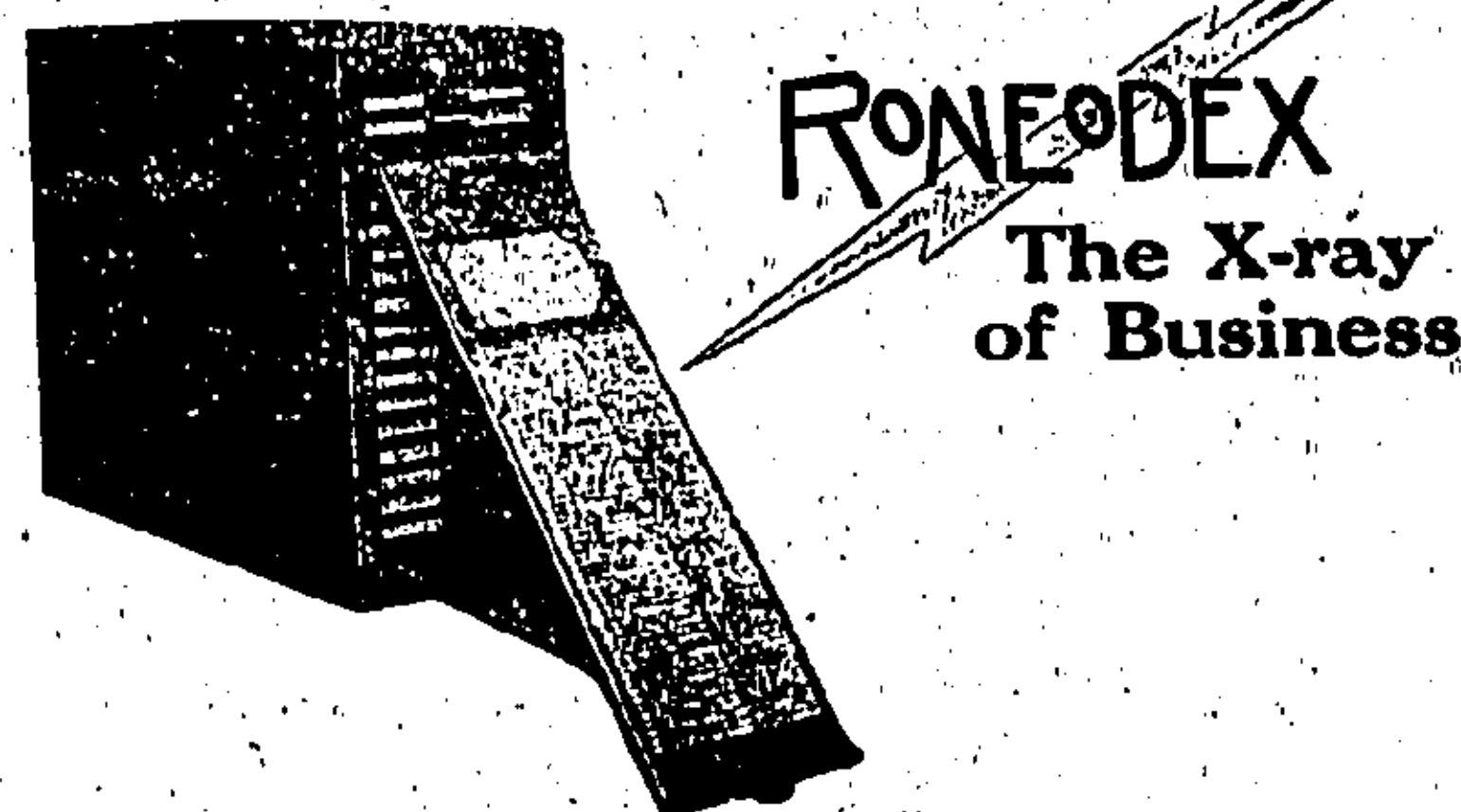
"NO STAR" PLAYS.

West-End theatres, faced with
the slump that Summer usually
brings, are making a special effort
this year to meet the situation.A real economy wave has set in,
not only in production costs, but in
players' salaries and even in theatre
rents.Actors and actresses find that a
small salary is better than none,
especially when they can supple-
ment it by a few weeks of intensive
film work.Producers and managers are pre-
sented plays with a new sort of
cast, best described as the "no-star"
cast, and are either reducing prices
or are letting the pit creep forward
into the stalls.One of the most elaborate West-
End plays now running has a very
low salary list, although there are
quite 40 speaking parts in it. No
member of the cast is getting more
than \$50 a week, and the vast
majority are paid between \$8 and
\$15.

Self-Protection.

No actor or actress who has ever
earned, say, \$300 a week can afford
to have a contract which names a
figure of \$150. Hence the "per-
centage" or "profit-sharing" system,
which is generally only a graceful
way of reducing a salary.By this system a player protects
his or her wage-earning reputation.
Several stars are to-day working
for less than half the salaries they
are accustomed to ask.The "profit-sharing" system was
recently introduced at a theatre
housing what most people believe to
be among the most successful cur-
rent musical shows.When receipts suddenly fell away
a salary cut was imposed, in the
form of this "percentage" arrange-
ment, by which the salary list was
halved although the cut was not
imposed on the chorus.I know of an actress, whose usual
salary is about \$250 a week, whose
contract now shows that she is
earning a percentage of a "min-
imum of \$100 a week."In practice, that is simply a
salary of \$100.

Rent Reduction.

One theatre in the West End
which a year or two ago got \$450
a week for rental for some 70 weeks
on end, now takes every week, the
first \$200 taken at the box office,
plus a percentage of the remaining
takings. It is not getting much
more than a minimum of \$200."Artists are prepared to work in
the theatre for less money, even to
the extent of 50 per cent. less,
than they normally accept," said Mr.
Alfred Zeitlin, the theatrical agent.
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ADVENTURES ON A FLOWER-HUNT.

In the Wilds of Persia
and Kurdistan.

LONDON BOTANISTS.

Your tulips and mine may have finished flowering, but there are some very special tulips in London that are still being watched with the utmost care. They, too, have finished flowering: it is the first time they have flowered in Britain — and yet they are believed to represent the parent stock of the whole tulip tribe.

So far the public has not seen them. They are still being tended in the seclusion of the research departments at Kew and at the John Innes Horticultural Institute, Meriton.

A Londoner, Dr. Darlington, of the John Innes Institute, and a Scotsman, Dr. J. M. Cowan, of Kew, brought them back from the wilds of Persia, Kurdistan and Luristan after an adventurous journey. Dr. Darlington described this journey to me.

"If you want to know what tulip-hunting is like you must first picture the setting," he said. "Imagine a vast tableland, 4,000 to 7,000 feet high, burnt bright reddish-brown by the sun. In the distance are mountains 10,000 to 15,000 feet high, capped with snow. The hunters are four mule-riders — Dr. Cowan, myself and our escort of two Persian soldiers.

"We make for the clumps of herbage which dot this treeless, waterless waste. We examine each clump. There might be gladioli, irises, or the long-sought tulips; straggly plants with flowers, but most valuable for research work.

Taken for Spies!
"Well, that is the scene. Some of the tulip-roots went down fifteen inches into the ground baked almost as hard as brick, and we had to use a mining implement, like an elongated trowel, to dig them up.

We found the best plant off the beaten track; but we travelled from one hunting ground to another by lorry, and put up at village inns. The country people were courteous and helpful, but they obviously considered that only mad Britons would take so much trouble to collect weeds! Near the Turkey-Irak-Persian frontier they thought we were spies.

"Our route lay through Kurdistan and Luristan. There, Government troops were at war with the mountaineers, who were resisting the Shah's efforts to Westernise them. Rather than exchange their felt caps tied with a black sash for the kepi and welcome foreign traders, make roads and give up carrying arms, the Kurdish tribesmen retired to their mountain strongholds and turned brigands.

"We watched the triumphal march of a Persian force, returning from a successful expedition. Twelve thousand soldiers, khaki-clad, and wearing the new regulation kepi, filed down a mountain pass, while their bands played the Persian National Anthem. Inspiring? Well, they found it so, but to my Western ears Persian music is just an objectionable noise.

"The Shah was trying to suppress the more barbarous religious rites of the country people. But they are still practised illegally. At Astra I was allowed as a great privilege to witness a 'head-slashing dance' — until a detachment of soldiers, who had orders to stop it, pushed forward, seized the head-slashers and took their knives away.

"Although foreigners, Dr. Cowan and I were allowed to go almost anywhere among men. But the

TO FETCH HIS POOR DOG A BONE.

When He Got There a
Buddha Was Bared —

He looked for a bone and found a Buddha.

Mr. H. Silver, of Anerley, took his dog for a walk on Hampstead Heath, and now Mr. Silver is inventing bad names to see if they stick, writes a Daily Express correspondent.

Near Ken Wood Mr. Silver's dog began to dig. It unearthed a gold and bronze statuette of the gold Buddha, about eight inches high.

The startled dog tried vainly to swallow the insult, but Mr. Silver salvaged it.

The statuette was superbly carved and inlaid with gold, and in its centre, which was hollow, was a lump of soft gold. And on the face of the Buddha was a grin of such comic devilry that Mr. Silver admits frankly that he hated the sight of it!

Buddhas are supposed to bring bad fortune if touched by infidel hands. There are thousands of examples of men who swear that their luck had been execrable (Continued at foot of next Column.)

Persian women remained hidden. We saw them only in the streets, almost always wrapped from head to foot in long black 'chuddahs,' which they drew closely about them when they caught sight of us. We were especially warned not to photograph any woman; to do so would have been to disgrace her. I heard that one American had been stoned to death for taking a snapshot of an unveiled countrywoman at her ritual ablutions.

"In towns, their seclusion is becoming less strict. A woman may now drive unveiled in a car, because, although she may be seen through the windows, it counts as a 'house,' and I was told she may even wear European lingerie under the traditional trousered dress.

Very Long Feasts.
"The feasts to which we were invited in Persian and Kurdish homes were long and exacting affairs. Everyone sat round in a circle on the baked-mud floor of the house. Endless courses, consisting of various mutton or tough chicken dishes, were served, and enormous quantities of tea.

"Between courses were long gaps, during which everyone smoked the Persian equivalent of a hookah and talked. I'm afraid, unless the interpreter embellished it, my hosts must have had a poor opinion of my conversation, for I did not quote any poetry. Even uneducated Persians decorate their conversation with long, and often irrelevant, quotations from thirteenth century poets. Omar Khayyam, the only one I could have quoted, is taboo because he was heretic.

Buying Camel Bells.
"But only in poetry and religious relics do the villagers venerate age. They will exchange rare old embroidered goods, or sell a copper camel bell for five shillings, although, since camels are being driven off the roads by motor-cars, these bells are becoming valuable to collectors.

"Above all, they love petrol tins. They use them for everything, from making shop-fronts to roofing mosques; and really the tin, gleaming in the strong Persian sunshine, looks surprisingly effective. I think the only thing that convinced them that my bulbs, seeds, and plants might be valuable was the fact that I packed them up in petrol tins. — S.O. in Evening News.

OKLAHOMA OIL INDUSTRY.

Order Issued Shutting
Down Wells:

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED.

Oklahoma, To-day.
The Governor has issued an executive order shutting down 3,106 oil wells and establishing martial law within a distance of fifty feet round each well. — Reuter's American Service.

[On July 27 the Governor of Oklahoma, in an ultimatum to the oil industry, declared that if oil prices were not increased to one dollar a barrel by Saturday night, he threatened to sign an executive order shutting down all but strip-per wells in Oklahoma.

The Governor made it clear he would enforce the order if necessary by military authority.

The Governor's action is due to the fact that the State and schools are not receiving taxes from oil at the present price of 50 cents per barrel.]

RUBBER FROM PETROL.

The claim that Russian scientists have succeeded in extracting half a ton of rubber from petroleum is believed by Mr. Thomas Edison, the famous inventor, to be a "fake." Commenting on his own extensive researches for a commercially profitable synthetic rubber process, Mr. Edison said:

"The story that the Soviet has succeeded in the synthetic production of rubber from petroleum is improbable. It just can't be done. 'From my own experience it does not appear that a synthetic rubber process will ever be a success.

Mr. John Howeson, chairman, Anglo-Oriental Mining Corporation, Ltd. — That four separate Governments, representing the producers of 86 per cent. of the world's normal output of tin, should have come to a complete output agreement is momentous.

Mr. Charles Emerson, chairman, Malacca Rubber Plantations, Ltd. — It is perhaps a significant and favourable omen that the Government of the United States appears to have abandoned its attitude of splendid isolation and is adopting a policy — which is framed with a view to mitigating the ills from mankind from China to Peru — is suffering at the present time.

through the bad influences of the enigmatic little deity.

"Anything that has happened to me since I found the thing," says Mr. Silver stoutly, "I do not attribute to it."

But — and these are the facts — since finding the god, Mr. Silver has undergone: — One loss of wallet on Tuesday. One bad headache on Wednesday.

One chronic neuralgia on Thursday.

The Buddha hound is also looking somewhat peckish. Mr. Silver has left the Buddha with a friend, and he says that if anybody cares to purchase it they may. As a matter of fact, Mr. Silver suggested various things that people might do with it.

I handled the god myself. Its sarcastic smile got on my nerves. Of course, I do not believe that a little carved bronze has any evil property. I am absolutely without superstition. But facts are facts. Ten minutes ago I handled the Buddha. I've got toothache.

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